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Britain's first surplus for six years is at record level

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elvyn Westlake

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During 1977 as a whole, foreign private investment in Government stocks amounted to almost £1,000m, with a further identified £1,470m placed in bank accounts or invested in Treasury Bills, certificates of deposit and similar assets.

This, together with an unidentified inflow of £2,600m, means that a total of £5,000m was transferred to Britain from abroad during the year

By contrast with the capital account, the picture painted by the trade accounts of the balance of payments is distinctly more mixed. Visible and invisible trade, taken together, were only marginally in deficit, at £35m, compared with a very much larger 1976 deficit of £1,107m.

However, invisibles have suffered a big setback, with the surplus being cut by about a third during 1977, to £1,577m. This sharply reverses the strong upward trend in the invisible surplus which has been experienced in recent years.

Indeed, the invisible surplus during the past three months of 1977 was the smallest in any quarter since the beginning of 1973.

The main reason for this deterioration in the fourth quarter was an inexplicable rise in the sums spent abroad by British tourists and a fall in the sums spent in this country by foreign tourists.

At the same time receipts from tanker operations and profits from direct investment abroad fell.

These factors do not, however, explain the progressive fall in the invisible surplus during the earlier months of last year.

For the whole of 1977, the more important factor behind the trend in invisibles has been the profits made by foreign oil companies operating in the North Sea, which are repatriating these earnings back to their home countries. In addition, the build-up of foreign money in Britain has increased the interest payments which now have to be made to foreigners by the Government and private borrowers alike. At the same time as foreigners are earning more in Britain, our earnings from abroad have fallen. Finally Government contributions to the EEC have risen further.

Judge jails chemist in LSD plot case for 13 years

From Stewart Tendler
Bristol

Seventeen people involved in making and selling LSD on a gigantic scale were told by Mr Justice Park at Bristol Crown Court yesterday that their "indiscriminate distribution must have reached people of all ages from schoolchildren upwards, and reached people of differing degrees of responsibility, from the intelligent to the utterly irresponsible".

At the end of a series of trials, lasting nearly two months he sentenced the 17 to jail terms, telling them that LSD had been distributed for seven years in Britain and abroad with "a total disregard to the law".

The defendants and the sentences were:
Richard Kemp, aged 33, a chemist, of Tregaron, Dyfed, 13 years' imprisonment;
Henry Todd, aged 32, of Cannon Street Road, Tower Hamlets, London, 13 years;
Brian Cuthbertson, aged 29, of Fortis Green, London, 11 years;
Andrew Munro, aged 29, of no fixed address, 10 years;
David Solomon, aged 52, of Randolph Avenue, Maida Hill, London, 10 years;
Russell Spenceley, aged 27, of Glynicher Fach, Pencader, Dyfed, 10 years;
Dr Christine Bott, aged 31, of Tregaron, nine years;
Nigel Fielding, aged 29, of Binfield Heath, Oxfordshire, eight years;
Alston Hughes, aged 29, of Tregaron, eight years;
Martin Annable, aged 29, a schoolteacher, of Radnor Gardens, Twickenham, London, six years;
Richard Burden, of Richmond Hill, Richmond upon Thames, six years;
David Todd, aged 23, of Cumberland Street, Edinburgh, six years;
Anthony Dalton, aged 32, of Georgiana Street, Camden Town, London, five years;
Dr Mark Tcharny, aged 25, of Cwmann, Dyfed, three years;
Douglas Flanagan, aged 28, of New King's Road, Fulham, London, two years;
Mrs Janine Spenceley, aged 28, Mr Spenceley's wife, two years, suspended; and
Monica Kenyon, aged 29, of Georgiana Street, Camden Town, two years, suspended.

The 17, who were caught in a police operation code-named operation Julie, pleaded guilty or were convicted for their parts in three conspiracies.

The judge told the defendants: "I regret very much . . . that severe sentences are to be passed on people with excellent professional qualifications and others in possession of very considerable scientific skill."



Four of the 17 people sentenced in the LSD case at Bristol Crown Court: left to right: Dr Christine Bott, David Solomon, Russell Spenceley, and Richard Kemp.

One conspiracy involved making and selling LSD between 1970 and 1973, based in Cambridge. Another involved a similar conspiracy between 1973 and 1977 in Wales, and a third involved making and selling LSD from London between 1973 and 1977.

The judge told the defendants that he regretted that severe sentences had to be passed on "people with excellent characters, some of them with excellent professional qualifications". But people involved in severe criminal activities were bound to face harsh penalties notwithstanding the exercise of mercy.

Mr Justice Park, addressing a crowded court ringed by police officers, said there had been a huge network of drug dealers, who were supplied from illicit laboratories by a chain of salesmen. One hundred and twenty people were arrested but there were others who were not proceeded against.

The profits would be huge and "it would be foolish for anyone to suppose that LSD dealing would be stamped out in the foreseeable future". The sentences reflected an attempt to deter people from dealing in the drug.

Evidence had been put to him that LSD should not be

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Simple sums floor vast majority of pupils

By David Nicholson-Lord

Only 6.5 per cent of more than seven thousand school-leavers achieved full marks in a national study designed to see if they have the basic level of mathematical competence required for the adult world.

The study, probably unprecedented in its scope, consisted of a short test paper of 17 questions largely geared to everyday situations. It was devised by experienced teachers under the auspices of the Institute of Mathematics, whose president, Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, this week described the results as abysmal

At a press conference to present the findings, Dame Kathleen said that it was impossible to draw conclusions about declining standards in mathematics from the results. But, "we can say that education as a whole, and parents and employers will agree, is not doing a good enough job".

Mr Bertram Bellis, Headmaster of The Leys School, Cambridge, and one of the test's authors, said the paper represented the lowest level of competence needed. "It is the equivalent, in numeracy, of being able to read", he said.

Because the paper was concerned only with basic skills, a pass mark of 40 or 50 per cent, as used in GCE or CSE examinations, was not thought appropriate. A mark of 90 per cent, according to the institute, would allow for the occasional slip and 80 per cent would be well below an acceptable minimum standard.

Dame Kathleen said a "reasonable expectation" was that 80 per cent of those taking the test would get an 80 per cent mark. Anything short of that would be a disgrace.

In the event, the proportion of fifth-year pupils achieving more than 80 per cent ranged from 31.9 per cent of boys in the Inner London Education Authority area (21.2 per cent for girls) up to the highest figure of 61.4 per cent of boys in Buckinghamshire (54.6 per cent for girls).

Six education authorities, chosen for geographical and social balance, cooperated in the 40-minute test, which was conducted last November. They were the ILEA, Buckinghamshire, Dyfed, Essex, Leeds and Cleveland.

It was originally intended to cover about 10,200 pupils, but absenteeism cut the numbers by about a fifth. Cleveland could arrange only for fourth-year pupils to take it. A total of 7,156 fifth-year children

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Patriotic Front chiefs lay onus on Britain

From Michael Leapman
New York, March 8

The two leaders of the Rhodesian guerrillas said here today that Britain's attitude is now decisive in determining whether the fighting will continue. At a press conference Mr Robert Mugabe and Mr Joshua Nkomo, joint leaders of the Patriotic Front, highlighted the diplomatic dilemma in which Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, now finds himself.

Mr Mugabe criticized the British characterization of last week's agreement between Mr Ian Smith and moderate African leaders as "a step in the right direction". He commented: "We have a trend which is being promoted by Britain to get the internal settlement recognized and to legalize the Smith regime.

"We are waiting to see how Britain behaves here. If Britain supports the settlement we will have to intensify the war."

It is because he recognizes that Britain's position is now pivotal that Dr Owen has hurried to Washington today to see Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, before coming on to New York. There is a danger that, as a result of the events of the past few days, the British-American alliance on the Rhodesian issue could become badly strained.

The immediate difficulty is over whether Bishop Abel Muzorewa, one of the Africans who signed the agreement with Mr Smith, should be invited to address the Security Council. The bishop was also in Washington today, putting his case to Mr Vance.

If no other Council member will make a formal request for Mr Muzorewa to be heard, Britain is prepared to do so. Although this would invite the obliquy of Africans who believe the bishop to be a stooge of Mr Smith, Dr Owen is convinced that British public opinion would be outraged if the Council heard the guerrilla leaders but excluded African moderates.

The Americans have been less ready to endorse Mr Muzorewa and thus, by inference, to support Mr Smith's settlement. United States policy on this is influenced strongly by Mr Andrew Young, their chief United Nations delegate, who likes to identify himself with member states from the Third World.

Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo expressed their opposition today to giving Mr Muzorewa a hearing. They said that he and the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, who also signed the Salisbury agreement, were now part of Mr Smith's regime.

Mr Nkomo said the Salisbury agreement bore no relation to what the guerrillas were fighting for. "What appears to be one man, one vote in fact is a fake", he declared. The provision for separate representation for blacks and whites would entrench apartheid. "It is not what we have been spilling our blood for."

Asked to comment on the Rhodesian raid into Zambia, Mr Nkomo said the guerrillas had no bases in Zambia. What the raid amounted to was "bloody aggression against Zambia".

Lusaka, March 8.—President Kaunda was sending Mr Siteke Mwale, his Foreign Minister, to the United Nations today to protest about the Rhodesian raid. Dr Kaunda sharply criticized the Western powers, apparently concerned that they might be ready to go along with the internal Rhodesia settlement and ignore the Patriotic Front guerrillas.—Reuter.

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Fears of return to sectarian killing

There are widespread fears in Northern Ireland that the province might be returning to a campaign of tit-for-tat sectarian killing not experienced in recent months after two Roman Catholic men were shot dead on the outskirts of Portadown, a predominantly Protestant town, which has a long history of sectarian strife. Senior police officers believe that the shootings were carried out by extreme "loyalists" in direct retaliation for the recent increase in Provisional IRA violence, which has claimed four lives in the past week. Politicians and community leaders have made repeated calls for restraint but, as the IRA violence continued, many detectives regarded a return to selected assassinations by loyalist paramilitary groups as inevitable

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Five-party pact ends Italian crisis

Rome, March 8.—Italy's 51-day political crisis was ended tonight with agreement among five parties, including the Communists, on a programme for a new minority Christian Democratic Government.

The agreement was announced by a spokesman for Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Prime Minister-designate, who said the parties had agreed on an austerity programme providing for more jobs and development in the South.

Reliable sources said Signor Andreotti was expected to inform President Leone on Saturday, after a final series of contacts, that he could form the new government.

It will be backed by Communists, Socialists, Social Democrats and Republicans.

Signor Andreotti's programme also includes public order proposals and plans to combat crime and extremist violence, improvements to the educational system and help for the economy.

The spokesman made no mention of previous proposals for a committee of the five parties to monitor the Cabinet's performance.

Fall in number of immigrants

Immigration to the United Kingdom fell from 80,745 in 1976 to 69,313 last year, the Home Office stated. The number of citizens of the New Commonwealth and Pakistan accepted for settlement in 1977 was 44,155, a fifth less than in 1976

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Unions force ship to change flags

The Onassis shipping group has been forced by union pressure to switch the flag of registration of an oil tanker, the Olympic Glory, from Liberia to Greece. The switch could mean that registration of the entire Onassis fleet may have to be under the Greek flag

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Liberal revolt on steel debate

The outcome of today's Commons debate on British Steel, arranged in the light of the recent critical select committee report, has been thrown into doubt by the Liberals' decision to oppose the Government—and the Conservatives

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Miners awaiting Carter move

The Carter Administration is expected to act today to obtain a court order forcing miners back to work. Meanwhile, a Senate compromise on natural gas prices may get Mr Carter's energy programme moving again

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Refunds agreed for 300,000

The Government announced last night that 300,000 people, men aged 64 and women aged 59, will not after all have to pay higher national insurance contributions from April for no extra pension. The money will be refunded after they retire

Delay blamed for Namibia clashes

Delays in settling the future of Namibia (South-West Africa) are to blame for tribal clashes and social unrest, Mr Justice Steyn, the territory's administrator, believes. He wants an early agreement with the Western countries

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Somalis admit Jijiga loss

The Western Somalia Liberation Front has now admitted that the Ethiopians have recaptured the strategic town of Jijiga. Ethiopia says its forces are advancing towards the Somali border on two fronts

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ICI may spend £720m this year

Capital spending by ICI, Britain's largest industrial group, could amount to £720m this year and £900m next year. Sir Rowland Wright, retiring chairman, announcing this, gave a warning on the adverse effect of a stronger pound on export sales

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Slow century for Radley

England finished the fourth day of the third Test match at Auckland on 390 for five, a lead of 75 over New Zealand. Clive Radley was 154 not out, after making the slowest century ever for England in a Test

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Schools face a new threat

More protest action threatens schools. The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers has ordered sanctions pending assurances about teachers' duties, because the Inland Revenue wants to tax certain expenses allowed

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We apologize to readers, advertisers, and wholesale and retail newsagents, for the shortage of supplies of The Times yesterday in some areas. That was due to an industrial dispute involving members of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

Benefit advice: *The Government is urged to set up neighbourhood benefit advice shops in a report the National Consumer Council commissioned*

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Belgian baron kidnapped

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, March 8

Baron Charles Bracht, reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in Belgium, has been kidnapped, the Antwerp public prosecutor announced tonight.

The baron, who is chairman of the board of Bracht and Co, a holding company with cotton and oilseed plantations in Indonesia and Malaysia and property interests in Belgium, is thought to have been abducted early yesterday from his firm's car park.

Aged 63, the baron also has interests in insurance and owns a bank. His daughter is related by marriage to the Comte de Paris, the pretender to the French throne. He is Austria's honorary consul in Antwerp.

His family declined to comment on his disappearance.

Last month, another Belgian industrialist, Baron Edouard-Jean Empain, the millionaire chairman of the Schneider group of companies, was abducted by gunmen from his car near his home in Paris. His fate is unknown.

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Belgrade conference admits failure

From Dessa Trevisan
Belgrade, March 8

The United States pledged itself at the Belgrade conference today to continue to advocate human rights. Mr Arthur Goldberg, told the conference that the issue had become a legitimate concern for East-West diplomacy.

He was speaking after the conference on European security, already three weeks behind schedule, adopted the concluding document which admits failure to reach agreement on crucial issues.

Malta has delayed agreement by insisting that Mediterranean security should be discussed at a meeting of experts. But early today it agreed on a compromise wording deferring the question to the next conference on European security which is to open in Madrid on November 11, 1980.

The concluding document omits all reference to human rights and contains hardly any matter of substance on which the West and the neutral countries had insisted during the 26 weeks of the conference.

Mr Goldberg said, however, that the conference had nevertheless tested the validity of the process started in Helsinki and had fulfilled its "basic mandate".

A "clearer sense of the task lying ahead" had emerged and as a result of the meeting the question of human rights had been put "prominently and legitimately into the framework of multilateral East-West diplomacy".

The United States would continue to give special attention to the question of human rights and would continue to be greatly concerned about those individuals and organizations denied their elementary rights. The list of those who were suffering repression was far too long. Their fate aroused great anxiety.

Détente, which bettered the lot of individuals and smoothed contacts between peoples, was also certain to improve ties between states.

Mr Goldberg reiterated his plea to respect the role of individuals and groups monitoring the implementation of the Helsinki accord on the reunification of families and the right to emigrate.

The West has repeatedly made that plea during the long debate without much result as the Soviet block continued to refuse all discussions of the issue saying that this would be interfering in internal affairs.

The conference is due to end tomorrow. Today Eastern and Western delegates made their concluding speeches.

The Czechoslovak and East German delegates were still insisting that the West's emphasis on human rights was an attempt at interference in internal affairs.

Up to 18 pc for power productivity

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The Electricity Council has offered pay rises of up to 18 per cent to 90,000 power workers to avert industrial action in the generating stations.

The offer, which the employers insist is within the government's guidelines, is being studied by local and national union officials before a final decision is taken next Tuesday. The unions may decide then to put the package to a ballot of the men.

In detail, the offer gives 10 per cent on present average earnings plus £5.60 to £6 productivity money, described as a self-financing payment. That formula would give a labourer working continuous shifts in power stations (as most do) a rise of £12.10 on his present weekly pay packet of £65.50. Craftsmen working similar shifts would get about £14 on top of the £79 they get now.

The offer being discussed goes a long way towards satisfying union demands that power station workers should have a productivity deal as good as that conceded to the miners in return for higher coal output. Ministers will probably be able to argue that it is consistent with the Cabinet's wage guidelines. Certainly, because it relates to unique industrial circumstances, it will be difficult for other groups of workers to emulate.

The Electricity Council said: "Our offer, in broad terms, is a 10 per cent increase on average earnings, plus £5.60 to £6 depending on grade, which is a self-financing productivity deal."

Union leaders, led by Mr Frank Chapple, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, have argued that the net loss of tens of thousands of jobs warrant increases in excess of the guidelines.

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Hunt for Klan chief still on

Mr David Duke, a "grand dragon" of the Ku Klux Klan, who slipped unnoticed into Britain from the United States a week ago, was still eluding the police last night more than 24 hours after the Home Secretary had signed an order for him to leave the country immediately.

The police are attempting to serve on him a Home Office variation order to his terms of entry into Britain

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Bradford 1, Port Vale 1
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Fears of return to campaign of tit-for-tat sectarian killing after two men shot dead in Ulster

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Two Roman Catholic men were shot dead in Northern Ireland at lunchtime yesterday; afterwards there were widespread fears that the province might be returning to a campaign of tit-for-tat sectarian killing not experienced in recent months.

Both victims were shot down on the outskirts of Portadown, a predominantly Protestant town with a long history of sectarian strife. Senior police officers think the shootings were carried out by extreme "loyalists" in direct retaliation for the recent increase in Provisional IRA violence, which has claimed four lives in the past week.

There has been growing anger among Ulster's majority Protestant population since the IRA bombing of the La Mon House restaurant last month, in which 12 civilians were killed. Politicians and community leaders have repeatedly called for restraint, but as the IRA violence continued, many detectives regarded a return to selected assassinations by loyalist paramiliary groups as inevitable.

The two men who died yesterday were Mr Thomas Trainor and Mr Denis Kelly, both in their early thirties. As they walked home from an employment exchange they were struck by a hail of bullets fired by a pillion passenger on a motor cycle, who then escaped down a road near by.

Although neither victim was believed to be a member of a paramilitary group, a senior member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary on the spot said there were signs that the men's movements had been watched and the ambush carefully planned in advance.

Mr Trainor was the third member of his family to die violently in Northern Ireland over the past three years. In April, 1975, his mother was shot dead and her husband was seriously wounded in a gun attack in a Portadown park.

In December that year one of his younger brothers was killed after extreme loyalists had launched a gun and bomb attack on the family home. At the time messages of sympathy from extreme republican groups appeared among death notices in a Belfast newspaper.

The latest diplomatic dispute between the British and Dublin governments over the extent to which provisional IRA violence in Ulster has cross-border connexions continued unabated yesterday.

Official British sources disclosed that strong representations had been made to the Dublin Government about alleged IRA activity in the republic on two separate occasions before Mr Mason's controversial Commons speech last Monday.

On both occasions the complaints were made through the normal diplomatic contacts between the British Embassy in Dublin and the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs. They are understood to have included specific allegations about Provisional IRA activity south of the border.

The first diplomatic exchange took place last December. It covered British intelligence reports that IRA men were seeking medical help in the republic and that others were using the republic as safe refuge.

The British diplomats also maintained that Provisional IRA training camps were being operated south of the border, which they said were also being used to mount forays into Northern Ireland and for the smuggling of fertilizer-based explosives.

British officials were disappointed by the lack of response from the Dublin authorities to the top-level representations. As a result the same subjects were raised again at another diplomatic meeting in Dublin, which is believed to have taken place shortly before Mr aMson made his Commons attack on Mr Lynch's government.

Meanwhile, in Dublin yesterday, Mr Michael O'Kennedy, the Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs, challenged Mr Mason to produce evidence or stop making his allegations about cross-border involvement in Ulster's violence. He said the Irish Government totally rejected the implications of Mr Mason's speech and added that the suggestion that the La Mon House bombers might have found haven in the republic was particularly regrettable.

Offer on pay soon for 500,000 officials

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

All 500,000 non-industrial civil servants will soon get a pay offer just inside the Government's 10 per cent guidelines. The two biggest of the eight unions will decide today on their response to the Civil Service Department's refusal to yield to claims of up to 30 per cent.

An offers is probable next week. The biggest union, the Civil and Public Services Association, is committed to consulting its members by branch decisions before completing a deal.

Mr Kenneth Thomas, general secretary, will report to his union's Civil Service executive today on the outcome of informal talks with the Civil Service Department.

He said last night: "Next wAek willb e critical. We are either going to emerge with an offer we can accepr or everything will explode."

The middle-management Society of Civil and Public Servants has called an executive meeting on pay today. In claiming rises well outside the guidelines it said that private sector executives had succeeded in making massive breaches in phases one and two.

The other six unions, which have formed a consortium, are not challenging the 10 per cent limit but insist that because of minimal wage drift, amounting to wbout 0.05 per cent on the total wage bill, the settlement should not be less than 10 per cent.

Senior civil servants, judges and the top ranks in the zarmed Forces are awaiting the findings of Lord Boyle of Handsworth's review body on top salaries. It is due to report in mid-April.

The Boyle committee recommended substantial rises in 1974 and all but the state industries, MPs and Cabinet ministers have had half the inended increases. The Government will have to decide whether it can honour the 1974 increases or whether those covered by the review body are to be held to a "phase three" increase.

The Civil Service national staff side, embracing all the unions, has emphasized in a submission to the review body the strong feelings of the higher Civil Service about their pay and "the compelling case for improvement at the earliest possible date".

It said: "We strongly deplore the continued and unjustified delay in paying deputy secretaries and permanent secretaries the second stage of the 1974 Top Salaries Review Body award, and consider that the amount still outstanding should be paid without further delay."

Inspectors approve policy and work of criticized school

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

A pioneering comprehensive school that came under attack frin parents has been almost totally vindicated in a glowing report by a team of her Majesty's inspectors.

In a preface t oa summary of the report, published yesterday, Mrs Williams, secretary of state for education and science, says that the inspectors' findings sho what there is no need for any serious disquier about the Sutton Centre Community School at Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, though they did suggest that certain aspects of the school's work could be improved.

The school opened n 1973 with about 300 pupils, but has since been enlarged to nearly 1,500 pupils. Its aims include the maintenance of close links with the community, mixed-ability teaching throughout the school, and the development of self-discipline. Pupils are prepared for CSE examinations but not for GCE O levels.

A full inspection of the school was ordered by Nottinghamshire's chief education officer after a group of parents had complained last term about a swearing lesson said to have been given to pupils aged 13.

The inspectors' report is particularly complimentary about the high standard of personal relationships achieved in the school, about the cooperation and commitment to learning of its pupils, and about its strong sense of community responsibility.

"The general conduct of the school and the care of the premises are outstanding and the visitor is impressed with a feeling of buoyant vitality. The school has tried in every possible way to serve the community and win its interest and support. It deserves that support from its community", the report says.

The school was particularly well managed with clear directives on all matters of policy.

The pastoral system was effective, though demanding on staff. The school does not use such sanctions as corporal punishment or detention, believing that the expression of community disapproval is usually sufficient to control day-to-day misdemeanours, and close supervision for more serious cases.

The trust of the school in that philosophy had evidently not been misplaced, the report says. The inspectors were impressed by the generally excellent behaviour of the school. Lessons were seldom disrupted. Pupils were friendly, courteous and respectful.

It was rare for a school that had been open as long as the Sutton Centre to keep its premises still so fresh in appearance. There was no serious sign of vandalism, and less evidence of wear and tear than might have been expected.

Sharp fall in London teachers predicted

By Ian Bradley

Inner London schools need to lose 8,000 teachers tween 1975 and 1991, to ma tain the present teacher-pu ratio in the face of fast school numbers, Mr Mar Lightfoot, director of schools Council's industry ject, said yesterday.

Mr Lightfoot, who was deputy education officer at Inner London Educa Authority until the end 1976, was speaking at a c ference at Chelsea College said that on the latest calc tion the authority's school would drop from its pres level of 178,682 to 106,000 1991. The number of pupils sixth forms would fall fr 18,000 to 10,500.

The expectation that un ployment would lead m young people to stay on sixth-form study had pro largely unfounded, Mr Li foot said. The natural leak of teachers was unlikely meet the fall in the number pupils. The annual rate resignations and retirem among inner London teac had already dropped from per cent in 1973-74 to 11 cent this year, and was falling.

Because of the fal numbers on school rolls, Lightfoot said, minority jects would become difficul staff and there would be increasing trend towards grated studiescourses. An first and second years secondary school as "the way of using the mixed ba staff that will be left over".

He suggested that it w be necessary for all secon school teachers to have main subjects to preserve careers.

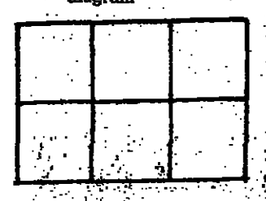
Sums defeat the school-leavers

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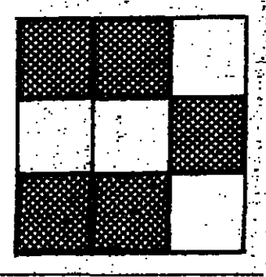
answered the questions, plus a further 1,271 from Cleveland.

The results were not intended to provide comparisons between authorities but they show that Buckinghamshire school-leavers did best, with 13 per cent turning in correct papers, and children in the ILEA area (1.4 per cent correct) performed the worst. In between came Essex (8.6 per cent), Leeds (5.7 per cent) and Dyfed (5.4 per cent).

1. (a) 14+35=
   (b) 43+282=
2. (a) 77−53=
   (b) 911−102=
3. (a) 7×8=
   (b) 6×79=
4. (a) 24÷6=
   (b) 243÷9=
5. (a) 13.3+2.8=
   (b) 79.3−8.1=
6. (a) 3×42.5=
   (b) 13.5÷5=
7. (a) Write ¼ as a percentage
   (b) Write 40% as a decimal
8. (a) Shade in ¼ of this diagram



(b) What fraction of this diagram is shaded?



9. Milk is 12p per pint. If I use two pints each day, what is my weekly milk bill?
10. A reduction of 20% is given on sale items. What is the sale price of a pair of jeans marked at £15?

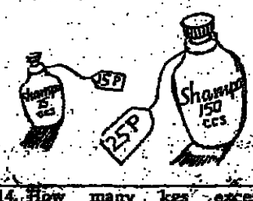
Girls' results were consistently worse than boys'. In the ILEA area, for example, 2.6 per cent of boys achieved full marks, but only 0.3 per cent of girls did so. Dame Kathleen said that girls' improving performance in GCE examinations had possibly created misleading expectations about their potential in the lower-ability ranges.

The most difficult question, measured in the number of wrong answers, was the last on the paper, involving train timetables. Next came the expression of 40 per cent as a decimal and then the interpretation of an opinion poll (question 16). But even in the first six "mechanical" questions more than half the children in the best authority, Buckinghamshire, still gave wrong answers. In the ILEA area, only a quarter answered all six correctly.

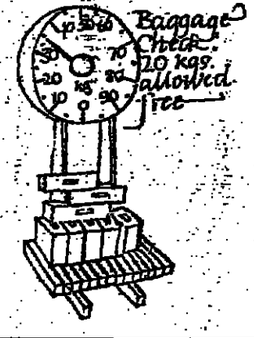
The widespread blankness on percentages reflected in answers to question seven is regarded as particularly disturbing by the institute in view of their general use in society.

The questions put in the test are given below; answers on page 18.

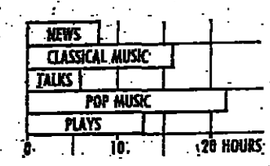
11. The rent of a large flat is £19.80 per week and that of a small flat is £12.70 per week. How much extra do I have to pay each year if I take the large flat rather than the small one? (You need not work this out exactly, an answer correct to within £20 will do.)
12. A cheque is made out for one hundred and forty nine pounds and nine pence. Write this amount in figures.
13. How much do I save if I buy 2 large bottles of shampoo instead of taking the same quantity in small bottles?



14. How many kgs excess baggage?

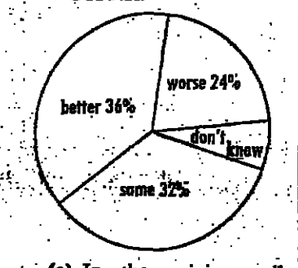


15. This chart shows the number of hours given to various types of programmes, in one week, on a radio channel



(a) How many hours are given to Classical Music?
(b) How many hours are given to Pop Music?
(c) To what type of programme is the least time devoted?

16. RESULTS OF OPINION POLL TASTING A NEW COFFEE



(a) In the opinion poll, what percentage said "don't know"?
(b) If 250 people were consulted altogether, how many thought the quality of the coffee was just the same as before?

17. Train Timetable

Camtown	0712	0910	1312	1621 1007
Belford	0921	1312	1642	1937
Green Mm	0845	1055	1506	2030
Manchester	1023	1234	1602	1955 2200

(a) At what time does the fastest train of the day leave Camtown?
(b) If I have to travel to Manchester from Belford, what is the earliest I can arrive?
(c) If I cannot leave Camtown until 3 pm what is the earliest I can be in Manchester?

Male nurse says race kept him out of job

By Annabel Ferriman

A male state enrolled n contended at an indus tribunal in London yeste that he had been refuse £2,500-a-year job at an I hospital because he wa Pakistani.

Mr Noble Din, aged 2 Forest Gate, east London, he heard of three vacanci St Margaret's Hospital, Ep last June but when he ap he was told there was vacancy for him.

He was told that his sic record and his performan a student training for the registered nurse qualific had been poor. But his re had been no worse than other student nurses and h produced medical certifi he said yesterday.

Mr Gordon Wright, nurse (personnel) for Area Health Authority said when Mr Din applied las he had been using a va list for June, which had three vacancies. The lis July showed that there was one vacancy and that tha for a gynaecology ward, would not accept men.

Mr Ronald Cullen, divis nursing officer for E health district, said a stat rolled nurse left the orthop ward in July, thereby cre another vacancy at the when Mr Din applied. authority was emphasizing recruitment of state regis nurses for that ward, but that should not have aff the recruitment of enrolled nurses.

The case, brought unde Race Relations Act, 1976 adjourned until April 14.

Steel debate confusion after Liberal revolt

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

A Liberal revolt against the Government in today's important Commons debate on the British Steel Corporation's losses of £10m a day has put the outcome in doubt.

The Government's survival in office is not at stake since the issue is not being made one of confidence. But the Liberals' actions could bring about an embarassing defeat for the Government as well as a defeat for the Conservatives.

That double Liberal ploy emerged as 12 of the Party's 13 MPs met last night and decided to oppose, successively, the government amendment and the Tory motion.

The Liberals are tabling their own amendment, which is most unlikely to be called. The result, if the manoeuvre succeeds, will be that the Commons will end by taking no more action.

The debate is being forced on the Government by the Conservatives and is seen as the first test of the Government's handling of the crisis and the closures to be forced upon the ailing industry, and of the actions of the two ministers involved, Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, and Mr Kaufman, one of his ministers of state.

It will be their first opportunity to reply to severe criticisms brought against them by the bipartisan Select Committee on Nationalized Industries. The reports of the select committee are at the centre of today's debate.

The Liberals, after receiving assurances from Mr Varley that plant closures would cut overmanning, refused to follow the advice of Mr Richard Wainwright, their industry spokesman.

He had recommended supporting the Government, provided Mr Varley and Mr Kaufman did not again resort to attacking the select committee's members.

However, Mr David Penhaligon, Liberal MP for Truro, who is fast becoming a veteran maverick, combined with Mr Cyril Smith, Liberal MP for Rochdale, to twist the knife in the Government's wound.

"I do not see why we should bail the Government out of the consequences of nationalizing industries which we do not agree with", Mr Penhaligon told me, as Mr Wainwright went off for further consultations with Mr Varley.

It is also possible that the Scottish National Party will vote against the Government. Its spokesmen are seeking a meeting with Mr Kaufman today. They want "categorical assurances" about Scottish plants. Specifically, they want Glencranock to be kept going, and an immediate start on construction of a fully integrated steel works at Hunterston in Strathclyde.

The Tories, somewhat overlooked in the flurry of activity last night, precipitated the debate once the Government had declined to make time for debate ahead of its own statement on the future of the steel industry. That is expected before Easter, although a ministerial meeting yesterday with the Prime Minister in the chair, was said not to have completed the Government's decisions on the corporation.

Columnist questioned about editing

The *Financial Times* yesterday began its cross-examination of Mr C. Gordon Tether, the columnist dismissed 17 months ago after a long controversy with Mr M. H. (Fredy) Fisher, the newspaper's editor, about control over his daily column.

It was the thirty-second day of the hearing of Mr Tether's reinstatement claim before an industrial tribunal.

Mr Tether, aged 64, who wrote the Lombard column in the *Financial Times* for 21 years, said he was asking for compensation because of the withdrawal by the *Financial Times* of its offer of full pay until normal retirement age, and an unaffected pension.

In reply to questions by Mr Thomas Morison, counsel for the *Financial Times*, Mr Tether said he had complained of Mr Fisher's irrational behaviour in his implementation of the directive restricting the subjects he could write on.

Mr Fisher had published some articles well outside the terms of the directive, but similar articles were banned on the ground that they were outside the terms.

Another of Mr Fisher's irrational behaviour was in the way in which he prevented consultation between them.

If he was asked to dissect the headings under which he put Mr Fisher's behaviour he would have to go through the documentation of the case item by item.

Mr William Wells, QC, the chairman, intervened to point out Mr Tether "what a damaging answer" to his own interests that had been. Mr Tether said he did not agree.

Mr Morison said Mr Tether had also alleged that when Mr Justin Dukes, the newspaper's managing director, listened to a telephone conversation between himself and Mr Fisher it was a piece of nasty plotting by the *Financial Times*.

The hearing was adjourned until May 2.

More injuries from street fireworks

The number of injuries from fireworks in Britain in 1977, at 733, showed a 7 per cent increase over 1976 but they were still the second lowest on record, according to Mr Fraser, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection.

He said in a parliamentary reply yesterday that although there had been a gratifying reduction in firework injuries over the past 10 years he still proposed to consult the Secretary of State in the Home Office on possible ways of reducing injuries caused by letting off fireworks in the street.

Last year's figures showed a decline in injuries at Private, semi-public and public parties, but there was a 61.25 per cent increase in injuries arising from incidents in the street.

Guaranteed lamb price up and wool is steady

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

Ministers raised the guaranteed price to farmers for lamb by just over a tenth yesterday and kept the price of wool steady. They were the first price rises announced for 1978.

The guarantee on lamb will rise from £1.15 a kilogram to £1.25 at the end of March while the wool figure stays at £1.10 a kilogram for the marketing year beginning in May. No one was available for comment at the British Wool Marketing Board yesterday.

Sir Henry Plumb, president of the National Farmers' Union, said the wool decision was disappointing because many sheep farmers had been affected by exceptionally severe weather this year.

The rise in the guarantee will not affect retail prices of lamb since it is financed by deficiency payments made under the system of farm support used before Britain entered the EEC. Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, said yesterday: "In the absence of a Common Market regime for sheepmeat the Government is continuing the fat sheep guarantee."

Plans for such a regime are expected from the EEC Commission.

Britain wants to maintain imports of New Zealand lamb while France insists that policy changes must not pull down prices paid to its farmers. Greece, a country with high lamb consumption is approaching entry to the EEC.

Craft village unacceptable at former army camp

From Arthur Osman
Shrewsbury

A proposal to establish a craft village on a hundred acres of the disused Park Hall army camp near Oswestry has failed to satisfy officials of Salop County Council, it was disclosed yesterday.

The county's planning and transport committee will be recommended tomorrow to decline an application by the Craft Village Association on the ground that it would result in unacceptable use of land that the county wishes to see revert mainly to farm or similar use.

The county is to buy the camp and has agreed a reclamation scheme that would entitle it to a grant of £750,000 with the Department of the Environment. That would not apply if planning permission was granted for more productive use.

The plan for the craft village involves 67 dwellings, 67 related workshops, a motel, hostel and study centre.

A report accompanying the recommendation for rejection says the greatest anxiety is doubt about the credibility of the project. Although each family would have its own private self-contained house and the community could not be mistaken for a kibbutz, local people might still ask what the real benefits for the Oswestry community would be.

Excise officers examine Kagan papers

By Craig Seton

Customs and excise investigators yesterday were examining documents removed from the home and offices of Lord Kagan, chairman of the Gannex Group of Companies.

The Customs and Excise Board said yesterday that investigators, acting under Treasury authority, were inquiring into the transfer of capital from the United Kingdom in possible contravention of the Exchange Control Act, 1947, and the Customs and Excise Act, 1952, in relation to exports of textiles. Premises in Yorkshire, Lancashire and London were entered by the investigators.

Lord Kagan was knighted in 1970 shortly after Sir Harold Wilson's defeat in the general election, and was elevated to the peerage in Sir Harold's Resignation Honours in 1976.

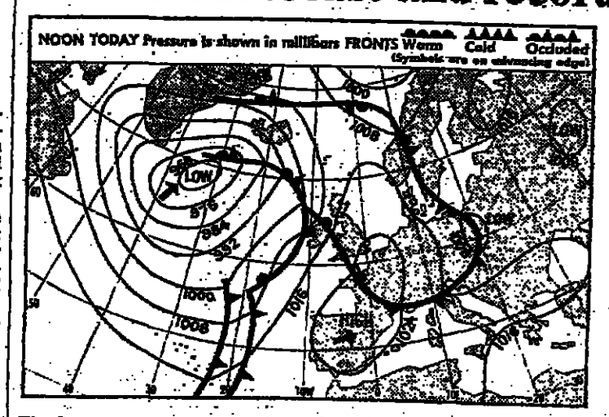
Lord Kagan, aged 62, started his Yorkshire-based textile business in 1951 and built it around a formula for bonding waterproof nylon to a woollen lining to make the Gannex coat, which was made popular by Sir Harold.

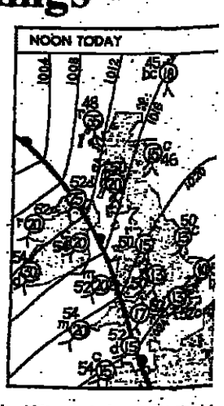
Gannex-Kagan Textiles Ltd is based at Elland in West Yorkshire. Lord Kagan was not available for comment yesterday. Mr William Acack, managing director of the company, said: "I do not know what this is all about. We have nothing to hide. From our point of view every door is open to the customs and excise. The officials have been given the fullest cooperation".

Prewar trains to go

The fast prewar Underground trains will be replaced during the early 1980s, London Transport said yesterday. New automatic trains are expected to be delivered by then for the Jubilee Line.

Weather forecast and recordings





b—blue sky; br—hail; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; fr—frost; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—sleet; th—thunderstorm; sh—showers; periodical rain with snow.

Today

Sun rises: 6.29 am Sun sets: 5.54 pm
Moon rises: 6.39 am Moon sets: 6.39 pm
New moon: 2.36 am.
Lighting up: 6.24 pm to 5.57 am.
High water: London Bridge, 1.45 am, 7m (23.1ft); 2.13 pm, 7.3m (24ft). Avonmouth, 7.26 am, 14.1m (46.2ft); 7.47 pm, 13.9m (45.5ft). Dover, 11.30 am, 6.8m (22.3ft); 11.32 pm, 7m (23.1ft). Hull, 6.19 am, 7.5m (24.6ft); 6.28 pm, 7.7m (25.3ft). Liverpool, 11.20 am, 9.8m (32.2ft); 11.45 pm, 9.5m (31.3ft).

A ridge of high pressure over E Britain will be followed by troughs of low pressure crossing from the W.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, E and central N England, East Anglia, E Midlands: Bright spells after early fog, probably rain later; wind S to SW, moderate; max temp 13°C (55°F).

Central S and NW England, W Midlands, N Wales: Some bright intervals, rain from SW with hill fog, clearing later; wind S to SW, moderate to fresh; max temp 13°C (55°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Mostly cloudy, rain at times, hill and coastal fog; wind S to SW, moderate to fresh; max temp 14°C (57°F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW and NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Cloud and rain from SW, heavy in places, hill fog; wind S, fresh, increasing strong to gale; max temp 12°C (54°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Sunny intervals, rain later, fog on hills; wind SW, moderate, becoming S, fresh; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, rain later; wind SW, moderate, becoming fresh; max temp 9°C (48°F).

N Ireland: Cloudy, hill fog, rain, occasionally heavy, drier later; wind S, fresh to strong, becoming SW; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Occasional rain or showers, especially in N and W; some bright intervals, particularly in E; mild.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sl, sleet; su, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Abroath	f	10	50	Cardiff	c	12	54	Jersey	c	12	54	Munich	s	6	43
Amsterdm	r	8	46	Colwyn B	c	10	50	Kalkwas	r	20	68	Nantes	c	13	55
Athens	s	16	61	Copenhgn	sl	2	36	Lisbon	s	16	61	Naples	s	14	57
Barcelona	s	14	57	Dublin	r	11	52	Locarno	s	9	48	Oslo	sl	1	34
Belfast	s	10	50	Edinburgh	r	12	54	London	c	11	52	Paris	s	11	52
Belfast	c	9	48	Florence	s	12	54	Luxmbrg	c	11	52	Rome	s	13	55
Berlin	c	6	43	Frankft	r	10	50	Madrid	s	18	64	Salzburg	s	10	50
Biarritz	c	13	55	Geneva	r	12	54	Majorca	s	18	64	Stockholm	sl	0	32
Birmingham	r	12	54	Gibraltar	s	17	63	Malaga	s	18	64	Venice	s	10	50
Bristol	c	10	50	Guernsey	c	12	54	Malta	s	17	63	Vienna	s	10	50
Brussels	c	10	50	Innsbruck	s	0	32	Manchstr	c	11	52	Warsaw	s	4	39
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Sea passages: S North Strait of Dover: Wind va light, becoming SW, moder fresh; sea slight, be moderate.

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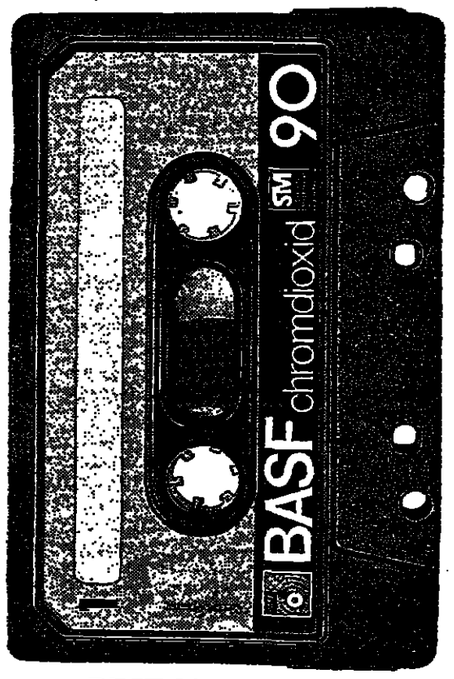
Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 6 pm, 14°C (57°F); min, to 6 am, 7°C (45°F). Hu 6 pm, 63 per cent. Rain, 6 pm, trace. Sun, 24hr to 0.6in. Bar, mean sea level, 1,019.1 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

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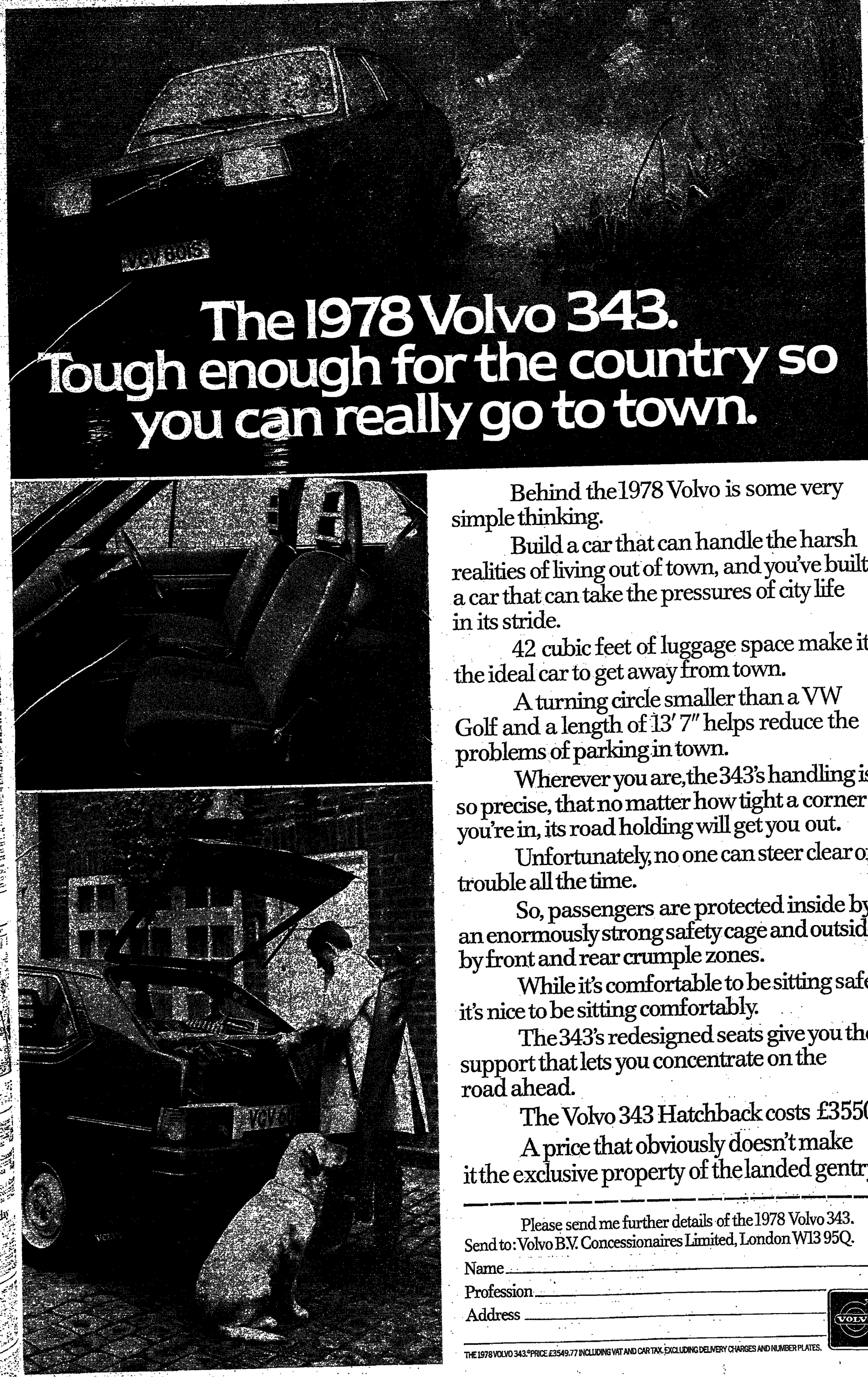
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HOME NEWS

Immigration rate falls in 1977 by 11,432

By a Staff Reporter

The number of immigrants accepted for settlement in the United Kingdom fell from 80,745 in 1976 to 69,313 last year, according to figures released by the Home Office yesterday.

While the number of foreign nationals settling here rose slightly from 31,464 to 31,917, the number of Commonwealth citizens fell by 24 per cent from 49,281 to 37,396. The number of citizens from the New Commonwealth and Pakistan allowed to settle here also fell from 55,813 to 44,155, a drop of a fifth.

The number of those accepted on arrival in the United Kingdom fell from 44,074 to 35,727. Fewer Commonwealth citizens were accepted in that manner (a drop of 32 per cent) but more foreign nationals (an increase of 11 per cent).

Of those allowed to settle on arrival, there was a fall of 47 per cent in those coming with United Kingdom passports (including those with special vouchers and those of their dependants who hold United Kingdom passports), a fall of 44 per cent in Indian citizens, 25 per cent in West Indian citizens and 19 per cent in Bangladeshi citizens.

But 15 per cent more Pakistanis were allowed to settle in that way, a rise caused, according to the Home Office, by "the clearance earlier in the year of the backlog of priority applications of wives and young children of Pakistani heads of households already settled in the United Kingdom".

In the category, of those allowed to settle after they have been working here on temporary permits there were 11 per cent fewer Commonwealth citizens and 5 per cent fewer foreign nationals.

Much of the drop is attributed to the introduction in March 1977, of amended rules, by which men were no longer allowed to settle immediately on marriage but generally have their stay extended for up to 12 months.

The number of male Commonwealth citizens allowed to settle after a period of time because of marriage fell from 4,298 to 1,530, while the corresponding number of foreign nationals fell from 3,944 to 2,111. The numbers for both fell sharply after the first quarter of 1977.

The number of work-permit holders and their dependants admitted in 1977 fell from 3,025 to 2,459 for Commonwealth citizens, and from 16,753 to 14,749 for foreign nationals.

During 1977, 809 illegal immigrants were detected, compared with 394 during 1976.

Detailed figures will be published in April in the Command Paper *Control of Immigration: Statistics, 1977.*

Claims of widespread leafleting met with scepticism

NF schools campaign 'small scale'

By Robert Parker

The National Front campaign aimed at recruiting schoolchildren may be making more headway than official surveys suggest.

The impression given by the Department of Education and Science, local education authorities and teachers' unions is that the campaign has been a flop. But it appears that the *distribution* of a large amount of literature may have gone undetected.

The campaign was launched at a press conference in London on January 19. The Young National Front had been set up in November, *in response* to what Mr John Tyndall, chairman of the Front, said was rapidly increasing interest among young people.

Mr Martin Webster, the Front's national activities organizer, said 350,000 pamphlets and leaflets would be distributed at school gates throughout Britain.

But five days later Mr Andrew Fountaine, chairman of the Young National Front and deputy chairman of the main party, issued an instruction to branch, group and regional organizers and "such YNF organizers as have so far been appointed".

It stated: "*The press and* television are now attempting to lure or bully local or regional NF or YNF organizers to give advance details of where particular leaflet operations are to be carried out. Organizers should not be tempted by these offers of more publicity, and must not give to any press representative or to any other person who *is not a reliable* party member advance details.

Leafleting outside schools can be carried out by small teams (three or four leaf letters maximum) quietly, in a calm atmosphere and without any element of demonstration or confrontation."

Mr Webster said last week that 350,000 leaflets had already been distributed. He said his organization had received more than two thousand letters since the beginning of the campaign and that about 500 young people had joined.

The National Front showed me some letters written in the past two months by people who say they *are schoolchildren and* are interested in YNF literature or who want to join.

Officials at the Department of Education are concerned about this information, even though a survey of a third of English education authorities made four weeks ago indicated that the National Front's campaign was extremely limited.

That conclusion is borne out by other attempts to monitor *the Front's activities in schools.* The Commission for Racial Equality has asked community relations councils to report NF activity. Responses so far indicate that leafleting is on a small scale.

The Inner London Education Authority says there have been no reported instances of leafleting in its 1,200 schools. The *National Union* of Teachers and the National Association of Headteachers, both of which have issued guidance to members on *how* to deal with racialism in schools, say there is little sign of Front activity.

YNF activity appears to have been greatest in Barking, east London.

It was in Barking last summer that Joe Pearce, aged 16, now a leading YNF member, started *producing* a racialist magazine called *Bulldog*, which he and friends distributed in local schools. *Bulldog*, now in its sixth issue, has become the national publication of the YNF, and has *often been distributed* together with leaflets.

Even in Barking, however, the campaign seems to be on a small scale.

Picket planned: The YNF is *to picket* a meeting of teachers in Central Hall, Westminster, next Thursday evening. The meeting has been organized by the All-London Teachers Against Racism and Fascism. In Manchester next week the YNF *plans a protest* outside the Granada television studios because a multiracial film was made there for distribution in schools.

1981 census field tests to be held next month

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

Two field tests on the form of the 1981 census are to be carried out in April, the first of a new series of monitors announced yesterday. About 50,000 households will be asked to complete forms that will allow most answers to be given by ticking boxes.

The new monitors, issued by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, aim at helping census users to prepare for analysing the results.

The field tests in April will be at Slough, Berkshire, and Weymouth and Portland, Dorset. *Those districts* include residential areas, places with multi-occupied houses, town centres, areas with large immigrant populations, and places with holiday accommodation *and second homes. The households* will be asked basic questions about family size, age, sex and marital status.

The field tests will precede a series of local consultative meetings, expected to start in June, on the form and content of statistics on small areas. Those statistics are helpful in planning for local needs.

The census monitor indicates that the OPCS hopes to include in the census form questions on country of birth, nationality and ethnic group; economic activity, educational and professional qualifications; the composition of families and households, and accommodation.

Questions on the number of children born to married women will be dropped from the 1981 census.

Ban on use of halls imposed by five councils

From John Charrres
Manchester

Mr Colin Barnett, secretary of the north-west regional council of the TUC, who has organized opposition to recent National Front meetings in Greater Manchester, has received assurances from five local authorities that they will not let public buildings to the National Front in future. They are the boroughs of St Helens, Bury, Rochdale, Knowsley and Salford.

A letter from Rochdale council to Mr Barnett says it has resolved to decline requests for accommodation *in* building under its control by "all extremist political parties" in view of the risk of disorder and damage. It considers that the National Front come within that category.

The borough of Knowsley told Mr Barnett that hall would be available for meetings by candidates at parliamentary elections, but it has agreed to recommend that the Chief Constable of Merseyside should consider banning any proposed National Front demonstrations in the borough on the ground that they might aggravate community relations.

Lancashire County Council, however, said it did not consider it appropriate to place any embargo on the use of its premises.

Action on shop pay sought

By Our Labour Reporter

The retail trade's traditional reservoir of labour may run dry when youth unemployment is brought under control, according to a report, *Trouble in Store*, published today by the Low Pay Unit. It says the trade relies heavily on cheap labour from young people who will move to jobs with better pay, training and career prospects when opportunities improve.

The report calls on the Government to act against employers who evade the statutory pay entitlements of shop assistants. "Illegal" underpayment and evasion of the Equal Pay Act are no less a crime than shoplifting", it says.

Trouble in Store, Low Pay Unit, 9 Poland Street, London, W1V 3DG, 90p.

Doctor and solicitor cleared of fraud plot

Dr Barrington Spencer Cooper, aged 54, of Lister House, Wimpole Street, London, and Mr Louis Sydney de Meza, aged 54, a solicitor, of Hall Farm Close, Stanmore, were acquitted at Middlesex Crown Court yesterday, on the direction of Mr Justice Talbot, of having conspired to defraud a Mrs Margaret Misroch by falsely representing medical and legal expenses incurred on her behalf.

Also on the judge's direction, the jury found Dr Cooper not guilty of conspiracy with the solicitor and two former CID officers, Peter Gerald Shemming, aged 51, a clerk, of Church Road, Weston, Diss, Norfolk, and Edward Lewis Fuller, aged 51, a security manager, of Crowshott Avenue, Stanmore, to commit corruption: that Mr Shemming and Mr Fuller should receive a gift or consideration for influencing their conduct in relation to Mrs Misroch who, in November, 1965, *had been charged with* a criminal offence.

The trial of those three for conspiracy to corrupt and on other charges continues. All have pleaded not guilty and are on bail.

The trial, which has so far occupied 25 days, arises from events said to have followed the arrest of Mrs Misroch on a charge of unlawfully having uncut diamonds. They were found *when she arrived at her* Hampstead home on November 20, 1965, from Sierra Leone and was arrested by officers, including Mr Shemming, then a detective inspector, and Mr Fuller, then a derective sergeant.

It has been stated that Mrs Misroch obtained uncut diamonds for about £30,000 from illicit traders in Sierra Leone. In January, 1966, the charge against her was dropped, and she became a prosecution witness in a trial in Sierra Leone.

Call for shops to advise on benefit claims

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Government should use some of the £300m to £600m unclaimed benefits to set up a chain of neighbourhood benefit advice shops, a local group suggests today. The main reason why the money is not claimed, the group says, is that the benefit system is so complex that official agencies are illequipped to give the advice needed.

The suggestion is made in a report commissioned by the National Consumer Council but published independently by the Salford Form Market because the council did not agree with criticisms made in ir of citizens' advice bureaux. The report says that the common belief that bureaux have the resources and the right sort of manpower to undertake widespread benefits advice and advocacy is utterly unfounded.

No advisory network is coping with the huge demand for *sound benefit advice and support*, the report says.

Salford Form Market (Form Market, 384a Great Cheetham Street, Salford, M7 0UH, £1).

Woman's 100ft fall

Sheena Moyes, aged 20, of Ferryhills Road, North Queensferry, Fife, broke both legs and suffered internal injuries after falling more than 100ft from the Forth railway bridge yesterday.

Prison crowding complaint 'exaggerated'

By John Groser

The Home Office described as exaggerated a statement by counsel at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday that Holloway prison had 250 more inmates than it was designed to accommodate. It was said in court that the extra *women were obliged to sleep* on the floor.

Mr Kieran Raftery made the allegations during an unsuccessful application for bail on behalf of two women committed for trial at Inner London Crown Court.

The Home Office said that during a period of particular crowding at the prison in February some remand prisoners did sleep on mattresses on the floor. On one night 13 inmates did so. On February 22, the last date that this happened, only three did.

Certified normal accommodation at Holloway is 221. There are 377 inmates at present. Extra prisoners are fitted in by putting extra beds in the cells.

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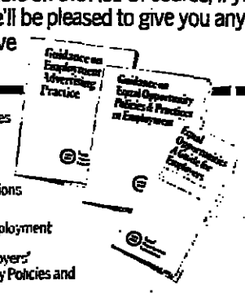
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Army Officer

OPERATION JULIE

How entrepreneurs, prophets and scientists turned LSD into £sd

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Seventeen people at the heart of the manufacture and sale of millions of LSD drugs in Britain and abroad were sentenced in Bristol yesterday at the end of a unique series of trials. Doctors, chemists and other young professional people, they translated the drug world of the 1960s into big business in the 1970s.

Not surprisingly, an air of deja vu has hung over the proceedings. A police officer carefully translated "acid" and "tripping", two doctors discussed the pros and cons of LSD and defendants extolled its virtues in terms reminiscent of Flower Power a decade ago. The ghost of that self-conscious generation of the late 1960s seemed to be walking again.

But it is not a cultural seance which has been taking place in the courtroom. Rather it is the discovery that a section of that generation did not melt away into communes or conventional life but matured in the 1970s into manufacturers, entrepreneurs and prophets of the hallucinogenic.

By the time they were caught in the web of Operation Julie they had produced between 20 and 60 million LSD doses, supplying a dozen countries and earning hundreds, perhaps millions of pounds. The police believe that £750,000 recovered from one laboratory may represent only a tenth of the total profit.

The exploits of this young—only one defendant was over 35 years old—mainly university educated group almost parallel the activities if the Brotherhood of Eternal Love in the United States.

Founded by Dr Timothy Leary, apostle of LSD, to promote LSD in the early 1960s the Brotherhood was described to a Congressional investigation in 1974 as the biggest importer of cannabis and LSD in the United States. It was said the Brotherhood's activities spanned the world.

It is not known whether the Brotherhood was involved in the later stages of what happened in Britain but there is little doubt it was in at the start 10 years ago when Mr Richard Kemp was plucked from his grey life as a research student at Liverpool University to become one of the world's best LSD chemists.

The transition came after a telephone call in the late spring of 1968 when Mr Kemp was asked by a former student colleague for advice on a quite legal project to make synthetic THC, the active ingredient of cannabis.

He agreed to help in the THC project which he was told was being financed by wealthy Americans and visited the project near Cambridge. It was then that he met Mr David Solomon, a friend of Dr Leary and author of a number of authorative books on drugs.

Mr Kemp by the beginning of 1969 had tried drugs and began trying to make LSD with a makeshift laboratory in a Liverpool cellar. He told police the supply of ergotamine tartrate, the basic ingredient, was supplied by another American, who received the chemical hidden in a magazine sent to the American Express poste restante office in London.

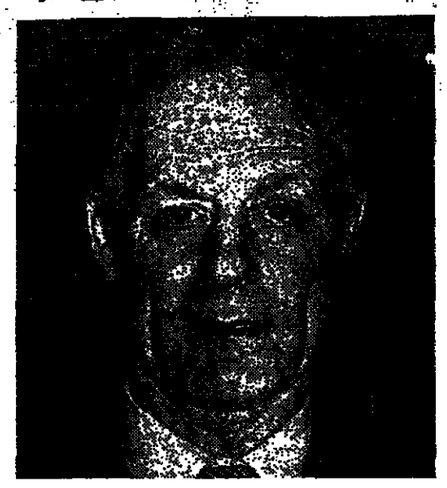
One of the curiosities of the whole story is that this man who must remain Mr X and was to figure large in later events, turns out to have been the model in advertisements for a popular chocolate bar at one time.

Mr Kemp, disillusioned with his research, was slipping farther into the drugs world and was recruited to make LSD in Paris with Mr Ronald Stark, a member of the Brotherhood, and is said to have written to Mr Solomon praising his books and came over to meet him. Mr Solomon claimed later he knew nothing of the Paris connexion.

But the chemist told the police Mr Solomon, Mr X and Mr Stark haggled over his services at a meeting at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in London and he was transferred like a professional footballer. The fee was a supply of LSD to Mr Solomon and Mr X at discount.

It was while working in Paris that Mr Kemp made several breakthroughs in processing the drug. At one stage later he piously told police: "I am reluctant to describe this process since I do not wish to be seen to be encouraging anyone to undertake LSD production."

Mr Kemp eventually came to make the purest LSD ever known and at the same time speeded up the process of making it. A Home Office scientist has estimated that he could make in four days what would take anyone else four weeks and still get twice the yield.





Det Supt Dennis Greenslade, head of the police team, and Mr Justice Park, the judge.

Not surprisingly, when Mr Kemp left Mr Stark in 1970 to return to Britain the American tried to persuade him to work for him. But the chemist would not return to what he felt was the existence of a hired hand.

On one of those trips he was held up by British customs for six hours but they failed to spot documents for nine kilograms of ergotamine tartrate. None the less, he brought to Britain the Brotherhood's modus operandi.

Mr Kemp's return to this country heralded the beginning of an operation lasting nearly seven years. Two hundred and forty grams of the LSD Mr Kemp had made in Paris were smuggled from Switzerland to Cambridge and hidden close to the university's golf course.

A research scientist at the university unwittingly allowed highly accurate scales in a university laboratory to be used for dividing the cache into packets which sold for £400 a gram.

By the end of 1970 the cache was exhausted but the business was put on a regular basis and turned to actual production. A series of meetings had brought in Mr Henry Todd, a young would-be businessman breeding pigs close to Cambridge. Mr Todd had already been to prison once for cheque offences and in the course of his sentence managed to escape briefly.

Mr Kemp, Mr Solomon and Mr Todd became an ad hoc "board of directors" as the prosecution were to term them. The chemist dealt with production, Mr Solomon bought the basic ingredient and Mr Todd became the "marketing manager". Mr Russell Spenceley, who lived in Reading, was the head of distribution.

Eight kilos or ergotamine tartrate was bought which could have yielded at least 1,600 grams of LSD and between eight and 16 million dosages. The basic ingredient was often bought by Mr Solomon pretending to be the representative of non-existent companies and sometimes stored in Swiss safe deposits. Mr Kemp bought one item of equipment from a member of the brotherhood living in London.

Some of the production was done in a Liverpool house. Each kilo was bought for £3,000 but the street level price was 25p a tablet and Mr Kemp's work could have earned £4 million.

Early in 1973 the partnership split up.

Mr Todd, taking the distribution network with him, now set up on his own and used Mr Munro as his chemist. Mr Brian Cuthbertson, another hopeful young businessman, joined Mr Todd at the top of the tree. Step-son of a Midlands magistrate Mr Cuthbertson had abandoned a mathematics course at Reading University and was already involved in the drugs world.

Mr Cuthbertson had been involved in various business schemes and both he and Mr Todd introduced by a mutual friend had been interested in a plan to import curios from West Africa. The first attempt at production by Mr Todd's new team took place in Chesterfield, there was another attempt at a production run somewhere in Reading and then in 1974 Mr Todd posing as Mr J. J. Ross paid more than £30,000 for a house in Seymour Road, Hampton Wick.

Up to 15 kilos of ergotamine tartrate were obtained and used in five or six production runs. Mr Todd has claimed that some of this basic ingredient was wasted and no more than five million dosages were produced but the prosecution claimed perhaps three times this amount was made, eventually selling on the streets at £1 each.

Mr Todd and Mr Cuthbertson fashioned a network of supplies in Britain and controlled the flow of LSD to the market. Mr Cuthbertson recruited friends from his days at Reading including Mr Nigel Fielding and Mr Martin Annable.

"Drops" were organized in rural areas of the Home Counties where LSD was left to be picked up on its way to the streets or abroad. The same system was devised for money coming back along the routes. These extended out into the West Country and Wales and north to the Midlands. One source in the drugs world has suggested a discount was available depending on purchases: half a million doses cost 10p each, 1,000 cost 25 to 30p each, a 100 cost 40p each and one might fetch 75p or more.

Care appears to have been taken not to swamp the market but regular amounts were leaving Seymour Road in tens of thousands and by early 1977 there were two large batches each totalling 100,000 or more.

During the course of the original partnership a system had been devised to produce different types of tablets. Some were barrel-shaped and others were like domes with the top cut off (these were called "blue pyramids" at one time because of their colour) and different dyes were used. The idea was to please the market fads and confuse the police. The practice was continued.

Export orders were handled by Mr Richard Burden, owner of a fashionable restaurant in Fulham, who passed on LSD to Amsterdam and into Europe. The orders were in tens of thousands at a price of £10 per 1,000.

While business was booming in London Mr Kemp and Dr Christine Bott, his girl friend, were not idle. A new partnership grew up involving Mr X. The latter acted as the front for the purchase of an old mansion at Carno in Dyfyd, Wales.

After a period of delay Mr Kemp withdrew his equipment from storage and began operations in 1975. Something of a perfectionist, he kept spare equipment handy in case of breakdowns and produced 1,800 grams of LSD in one, huge production run.

Mr X was given a quarter and Mr Kemp and Dr Bott tableted dosages at their cottage at Tregaron, 50 miles from the mansion. Mr Solomon has denied he was involved in sales from the run or the partnership but others alleged that Dr Mark Tcharny was recruited as a courier between Mr Kemp and Mr Solomon.

Mr Kemp hid 1,200 grams of his run in the cottage and two days after his arrest the police intercepted a letter from Mr X who wrote that it was "unfortunate we have ended on a sour note after all we accomplished" and hoped they could patch up an argument to continue business.

Mr Kemp's last run could have netted Mr Solomon and himself up to £1 million each but the figure is just one of the many astronomic amounts which have been calculated. It is unlikely anyone will ever know just how much was made in the course of the various partnerships.

Certainly there were enough profits to turn Mr Todd and Mr Cuthbertson into "chic capitalists" far removed from the conventional picture of drug dealers. Neither had any visible means of support but lived very well.

Mr Todd, once a model at a London art college, kept over £200,000 in Swiss bank accounts and had total known assets worth nearly £350,000. He drove a Volvo, lunched at Harrods, dressed well and had a number of girlfriends. He played rugby for the London Scottish club.

When Mr Todd was searched the police found a cigarette lighter bearing the name of the ergotamine tartrate manufacturers in Switzerland with whom he had dealt: the sort of thing businesses give out to important clients.

He was hero-worshipped by Mr Cuthberton and others in the group. Mr Cuthbertson, in his younger days a witness to a murder arising out of a drugs deal, bought a French mansion in the Dordogne for 190,000 francs and amassed £150,000 in French and Swiss bank accounts. The French house became the subject of enthusiastic renovation and Mr Cuthbertson spent much of his time in France.

The couple in Wales lived very simply. Dr Bott became a member of the Soil Association and the Goat Society. On the morning of New Year's Day 1977 she broadcast on BBC Wales about her goat breeding successes.

Both told the police that they believed in the virtues of LSD and said profits had been used to finance pop festivals. But they nonetheless kept up to £60,000 in Switzerland against the prospect of arrest and bought a Range Rover for £2,000 in £10 notes.

There were a number of occasions when the main organizers could have been caught out but they continued unscathed even though Home Office scientists in 1972 discovered evidence that manufacture was taking place. An exercise in monitoring LSD seized by the police and compared with seizures in the United States showed that microdots appearing in Britain were appearing sometime later across the Atlantic.

The discovery gave rise to investigations and speculation which even reached the newspapers and there were a number of reports of an LSD factory somewhere in Britain. In 1973 an American drug dealer was arrested in Canada. Mr Gerald Thomas had met Mr Kemp and Mr Solomon when he came to Britain peddling the idea of making synthetic cocaine.

He took umbrage when some of his belongings were destroyed by Mr Solomon while he was in Canada and decided to tell the police what he knew. He was questioned by officers from New Scotland Yard but they could get no evidence to back his story up since Mr Kemp did not start producing again until 1976.

The information was stored at the Central Drugs Information Unit and most people thought that LSD had gone out of fashion. Detective Inspector Richard Lee, head of the Thames Valley police force's drug squad, began to come to a different conclusion when he noticed pop festivals were turning up as much LSD as cannabis.

The suspicion grew stronger when a detective sergeant working undercover in Reading was offered 1,000 microdots of LSD in the course of negotiations for cannabis in one of the town's public houses early in 1975. The deal for the cannabis went ahead but the dealer was allowed to go free. He disappeared to Wales where he was arrested and Mr Lee sent two officers down.

Mr Lee by now knew of the allegations made in Canada and in Wales the two officers came across Mr Kemp's Range Rover parked in a police station. The vehicle was there because he had been involved in a traffic accident. The wife of a rector had been killed and the two policemen searched it. Dr Bott had tried to clear away any incriminating evidence but the policemen found six pieces of paper. Together they spelt the name of a chemical used for making LSD.

A few months later Thames Valley was asked to help with a drugs problem in Chippenham, Wiltshire, and they were led to a dealer who offered a supply of 10,000 LSD doses a week. The dealer was connected to Mr Kemp and the police began to gather the size of the network they had accidentally come across.

Discussions were held with the Home Office and the Association of Chief Police Officers and Mr Lee argued for a multi-force operation. In February 1976 the resources of 10 police forces were combined in Operation Julie, which will eventually cost more than £400,000.

Mr Lee was in operational charge and Detective Superintendent Dennis Greenslade, deputy commander of Number Seven regional crime squad, was appointed executive director. Under them was a team of 26 officers who were experienced in undercover work at pop festivals and they were given a crash course in surveillance.

Within a short time the police were sure of Mr Kemp's involvement and watched him as he wound down his operation. Fourteen officers shared a rudimentary farmhouse and another house to keep observation on both the mansion and the cottage. The officers often lived roughly, keeping the mansion from a desolate hillside.

Inside the building they found evidence that LSD had been produced but it was decided to take a risk, pay out the line and see what else could be caught. Mr Lee visited the United States and liased with the Drug Enforcement Agency.

The team looked at the information given by the American held in Canada—his threats of exposure had delayed Mr Kemp—and noticed that a "Henry" was mentioned. This man lived at an address in London, which the American got slightly wrong, and had been convicted of a drug offence in Cambridge.

Two policemen checked the records of six courts in Cambridge going back nine years without any luck. Then a local officer searched through cases on drugs which gave Mr Todd's name and a conviction at Cheltenham.

The case concerned a van which had been stopped. Mr Todd's conviction in 1970 was quashed on appeal in a famous test case and one of the people in the van was Mr Solomon's daughter who was never charged at all, which was quashed on appeal.

By June, 1976, they knew of Mr Todd but not his significance. Watching his accommodation address they saw him leave a telephone number which was traced. They were still thinking in terms of the laboratory and for a whole summer very little happened. Some senior officers began worrying about the cost and there were discussions about ending investigations.

But in October Mr Todd started ordering chemicals and that glassware from a firm near Huddersfield in Yorkshire. The pseudonym of J. J. Ross was uncovered. Checks revealed orders with various firms going back to 1974.

The police still thought that it must be for Mr Kemp but early in 1977 Mr Munro was identified as a chemist and was seen going into Seymour Road. Early in March Home Office scientists definitely identified two different types of microdot from two different laboratories.

The time was approaching to act. The Seymour Road laboratory began to close down and the police had to decide when to arrest: the team's files contained 80,000 entries. It was decided that on a list of priorities starting at A and going down to E the police would arrest those categorized as A and B. Those some said to be well-known figures, were excluded.

In March material from Seymour Road was dumped in a skip in Carno the mansion was put up for sale. The milk was cancelled at Seymour Road, the police thought Mr Todd and Mr Cuthbertson were about to fly off to the Bahamas and so the police decided to strike there first.

They may have acted not a moment too soon. A few days earlier Mr Todd had got into his car and picked up police radio messages on his own radio. He went on to keep an appointment, discussing the incident in a Knightsbridge public house with another suspect while the police watched him.

There had also been a number of near misses in Wales. The accident had injured Mr Kemp security considerably and delayed his production run. His worries were shared by Mr Solomon who was questioned about LSD in March 1975. Dr Bott found a picture of her and a goat in a local newspaper had been taken away by the police but she accepted their explanation. She was still not worried when the Swansea police searched her hotel room and asked her about £1,600 she had with her in February 1977.

Security was so tight before the raids that in London the Metropolitan police, who were excluded from operation Julie, were not told what was going on until the last moment. Across the country 800 officers from 16 police forces and six regional crime squads swooped on March 26 and March 27 arresting over 120 people.

Special equipment was used to search for LSD and at Seymour Road 250 grams were found. Mr Munro had been using an expensive version of the police equipment to make sure his laboratory was clean and the police used this themselves. Three officers were accidently "turned on" during the search and were taken to hospital.

Caches of LSD were found in various places and then in last year one of the defendants revealed to the police the 1,200 grams hidden by Mr Kemp. Other caches may still exist from Seymour Road.

Mr X travelled across Europe and made his way back to the United States. There are now plans to extradite him. After Mr Stark stopped production in Europe he used London as a base for sending ergotamine tartrate until legally to the United States until 1975. He is now in prison in Italy.

The member of the Brotherhood who sold Mr Kemp equipment in London is still large and living part of the time in Britain. He, too, was involved in sending ergotamine tartrate to the United States.

One mystery remains. It was said in court that the success of Operation Julie pushed the price of LSD on the streets to £8 a dose. Last week it could be bought in London for £1 a dose or £40 per thousand. Has somebody else filled the vacuum or have hidden caches been tapped?

Judge speaks of chemist's 'false ideal'

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compared with other drugs in Class A of the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971. It had been said that there was little evidence of any destructive effects and no sign of addiction compared with the destruction wrought by heroin.

He told Mr Kemp, who was involved in making LSD between 1970 and 1973 and later set up a laboratory in Wales, that it had been said he had made LSD "in pursuit of the ideal that LSD liberated people's minds and further that your work was beneficial to mankind". But he continued: "I think that was a false ideal. Your considerable talent, which could have been put to the benefit of society, has been wasted."

Henry Todd was involved in the earlier conspiracy and then organized the London laboratory in a house at Seymour Road Hampton Wick. Mr Justice Park told him: "You were not inspired to make LSD by any other motive than that you found an easy way to make money."

Dr Christine Bott, Mr Kemp's girl friend, was sentenced for her part in the early conspiracy and in Wales. The judge said he had no doubt that she had given help and encouragement but it was in her favour that she had worked from time to time as a doctor.

David Solomon was involved, like the doctor, in the two conspiracies with Mr Kemp. The judge accepted that Mr Solomon had dropped out of the conspiracy at one point and he had not made any financial gain.

Brian Cuthbertson, the judge said, had worked between 1973 and 1977 with Mr Todd to set up a first-class distribution network. He had been a thoroughly experienced operator.

Andrew Munro, Mr Todd's chemist in London, was told: "It is a disaster that you should have allowed yourself to be enmeshed in a crime of this scale and for £15,000 which you never received."

After dealing with the seven participants in the conspiracy the judge turned to a second group of defendants who took part in the distribution. Russell Spenceley was described as a valuable member of the organization. Nigel Fielding had been "near the centre of the conspiracy", handling more than a million LSD doses. Martin Annable, the judge said, had lied to the police and in the witness box but the judge said he accepted that Mr Annable had not been the paymaster general for the whole organization but was cashier for Mr Cuthbertson.

Mr Justice Park described Richard Burden as the "boss of the Holland line", involved in exports.

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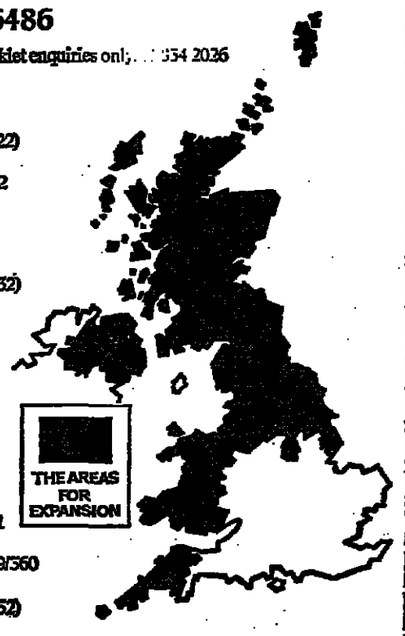
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Pay settlement may not end protest action by teachers

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

A quick settlement of the teachers' pay dispute will not necessarily end protest action in schools. The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NAS/UWT), whose 100,000 members have begun withdrawing from voluntary activities on Monday, will continue the sanctions until the local authorities agree to sign statements confirming that the teachers' voluntary activities are not part of their contractual duties.

That was announced yesterday by Mr Terence Casey, general secretary of the second largest teachers' union. He said members had been instructed not to engage in midday activities or voluntary activities after school hours arising out of the organization of the school, such as parents' meetings, staff meetings, governors' meetings and in-service training.

Members were not being told to withdraw from out-of-school activities considered necessary for performance of their teaching duties, such as marking or preparation of lessons.

Nor were they being instructed to withdraw from activities that were indisputably voluntary, such as organizing chess meetings, running the folk dance club, or helping with football matches.

The union was chiefly concerned about the grey areas, such as supervision of the mid-day break. It wanted to reaffirm that those were not part of members' contractual duties.

Individual NAS/UWT associations had been instructed to continue to operate the sanctions in their areas, even if a settlement on pay was reached, until a written statement had been obtained from their local education authorities confirming that teachers' voluntary activities are not part of their contractual duties.

The question has come to a head because of a decision by the Inland Revenue to tax as earned income the out-of-pocket expenses given to teachers who return to school in the evenings or at weekends to take part in extracurricular activities.

Birmingham teachers were losing an estimated £50,000 a year in taxed expenses, the NAS/UWT said. Mr Casey maintains that what teachers return to is not employment but voluntary social work.

He said the union's action was intended as one step towards its longer-term objective of winning overtime, or time off in lieu, for work done outside school hours.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said the public had a right to know what any industrial action was about. His union was taking action on the salary issue and it had understood from earlier statements that NAS/UWT action was for the same purpose. Now it appeared to be using the dispute to revive its old "work-to-rule" campaign.

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Farm deaths belie quiet country image

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

More people were killed on farms in 1976 than in the previous year, the Health and Safety Executive said yesterday. The totals were 108 and 101 and in each case nearly a quarter were children.

The figures were given in the first official report about farm accidents since the Government's agricultural inspectorate was transferred to the executive from the Ministry of Agriculture. It belies the familiar image of the countryside as a haunt of undisturbed peace.

The report mentions a farmer who fell to his death through an asbestos roof, a girl crushed by a gate which she climbed when it was propped against a barn, and a farmworker killed when he was pulled into a mixing machine.

The report shows a continuing increase in the numbers of people dying from electric shock on farms. The figures were one in 1974, five in 1975 and 11 in 1976. In two cases irrigation pipes were being lifted off the ground and touched overhead cables. The report adds. "It is pleasing to be able to record that there have been no deaths by poisoning by pesticides or other agricultural chemicals."

The National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers said the report strengthened its claim, for the appointment of union safety representatives. *Agriculture 1976* (Stationery Office, £1).

Mr Felix fails to buy London station

By Alan Hamilton

The British Railways Board has declined, perhaps with a tinge of regret, an offer from Mr Jennings P. Felix, of Seattle, Washington, to buy Victoria station, London, and turn it into an antique market.

Mr Felix, senior partner in the law firm of Felix and Zimmer, attorney and counsellors, who had gained the impression that the terminus might be for sale, wrote to the Department of Trade and offered to send representatives to Britain to complete the deal. In his letter Mr Felix said he was acting for Antique World Inc, and Antique World, of Kansas City, Missouri, Inc, two companies that have taken over railway stations and converted them to antique stores.

The potential buyer did not make clear whether he wanted to leave the station on its present site in SW1 or to dismantle it brick by brick and reconstruct it in the Arizona desert. What he did make clear was that his offer was not to be regarded as an idle joke.

The Department of Trade passed the letter to Southern Region, whose estates surveyor passed it on to the British Rail Property Board with the not entirely serious observation that it appeared a unique opportunity to dispose of this troublesome edifice once and for all.

But the property board, for which the sale of 21 acres of prime real estate in the City of Westminster would be a notable coup, is about to reply to Mr Felix, through the British Consul in Seattle, that Victoria is unfortunately still required for handling trains.

Why the American antique station collectors thought that Victoria was on the market is unclear. Certainly British Rail has been toying for some years with grand plans for a reconstruction of the terminus, but in the light of reality has settled for a facelift and a £40m resignalling scheme. The concourse is being enlarged, a new ticket office has been built, and the interior is being cleaned.

Not even British Rail would argue with the desirability of selling off Victoria and building a better station in its place. The present terminus is an unhappy *hotch-potch of two separate* stations, one built for the South *Eastern and Chatham Railway* and the other for the London, *Brighton and South Coast line*. Many of the 171,000 passengers who use it daily would regard plans to convert it to an antique market as superfluous.

As antiques go, the eighth largest and second busiest station in Britain is a modern upstart, not even Victorian in spite of its name, built between 1901 and 1908 to replace an earlier station on the site.

If the American collectors want a real antique to add to Seattle and Kansas City they *should go for Brunel and* Wyatt's magnificent structure of 1854 at Paddington, Lewis Cubitt's avant-garde frontage of 1851 at King's Cross, or Sir George Gilbert Scott's 1868 Gothic extravaganza at St Pancras, soon to be cleaned and restored to its original splendour.

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Health and fat dispute becoming a sales war

By Hugh Clayton

The bewildering argument about the link between heart disease and dietary fat resumed yesterday with more evidence comparing the eating habits of volunteer groups.

Although the debate about supposed risk of eating high levels of animal fat is sensibly about prevention of disease, it is becoming increasingly a sales battle between makers of margarine and butter.

Evidence presented at the London headquarters of the Royal Society of Medicine yesterday indicated that the link claimed by margarine companies between high consumption of polyunsaturated vegetable fat and low incidence of heart disease does not exist.

Such material is always announced on by the butter industry as eagerly as contrary findings are adopted by the margarine side. The evidence in question goes to hundreds of dieticians, teachers, doctors and researchers. Yesterday's meeting was organized by the National Dairy Council.

Professor John Yudkin, Emeritus Professor of Nutrition, London University, said: "The issue is not dressing about with whether you should eat vegetable oils or commercial margarine *does not* seem to matter." The new evidence was important because it eliminated doubts associated with *previous surveys* by using large groups operating under different conditions instead of studies done hitherto the groups were rarely identical in all respects. Professor Yudkin said. Animals would be the suitable subjects but for one disadvantage. "Your rats, guinea pigs and rabbits do not get coronary thrombosis whatever you do to them."

The evidence was presented by Professor Uwe Stocksmeier, Münz University, West Germany, who is leading experiments on more than a thousand middle-aged men who have each suffered one heart attack. The experiments had begun in 1970 and were not finished, he said.



Professor Stocksmeier: "No significant difference."

All the patients were given nutrition education and had been helped to improve their diets and life-styles in a way that improved their health.

One group of volunteers were advised to raise their intake of polyunsaturated (some vegetable) fats against saturated (animal) fats and received repeated visits at home.

The second group were given the preliminary advice but not the visits. The third group was given advice and visits at home without the emphasis on changing intake of fats.

Professor Stocksmeier said he and his 50 helpers expected higher intake of vegetable against animal fats to increase the chances of surviving a second heart attack. "No significant difference could be found."

Questioned afterwards he said the project had been backed by the margarine industry at first. Its interest declined after the first results.

House guarantees said to be 'no such thing'

By Robin Young
Consumer Affairs Correspondent

guarantee or warranty assured by many builders and property developers in their advertisements is really no such thing, according to this month's issue of *Which?*, published by the Consumers' Association.

The magazine says the National House-Building Council 10-year protection scheme could properly be described as an insurance scheme. It provides useful cover if the builder goes out of business or if serious structural faults develop, but is not a guarantee that faults which develop will be corrected free of charge.

More than 300 people replied to *Which?* questionnaires about the scheme. Many had found the literature confusing; some claims were unexpectedly disallowed and the full costs of repairs were sometimes not met.

In one case the NHBC agreed that a crack down the back of a house was a structural fault, but refused compensation because the house had been sold within 10 years and the previous owners had not complained.

Which? says the NHBC should state much more clearly what the scheme covers and that it should stop its "registered builders using the scheme as a *sales gimmick*".

It's 'false idea' bus will help consumers to check gas bills

By Our Consumer Affairs Correspondent

A *simple slide-rule* for checking gas bills is being distributed by the National Gas Consumers' Council. It has devised the calculator because more than a third of complaints received by regional councils are about estimated gas accounts.

The council estimates that *seven million users do not understand therms*, the units in which the gas they use is measured.

The slide-rule, *called Gus*, costs 7p and the council has printed 120,000 copies. It is available (stamped addressed envelope required) from the National Gas Consumers' Council, 5th Floor, Estate House, Jermyn Street, London.

Terry nappies are not as cheap as they seem

By Our Consumer Affairs Correspondent

Most British mothers use terry towelling nappies, and changing baby may involve washing 2,000 nappies a year.

Their advantage is supposed to be cost, but *Which?* magazine says that disposable nappies cost little more. For two years terry nappies would cost between £15 and £40; disposable between £100 and £250. But the cost of terry nappies is put up to between £70 and £95 by washing and *sterilizing and if* nappy liners, fabric conditioner *and tumble-drying are added* their cost is another £35.

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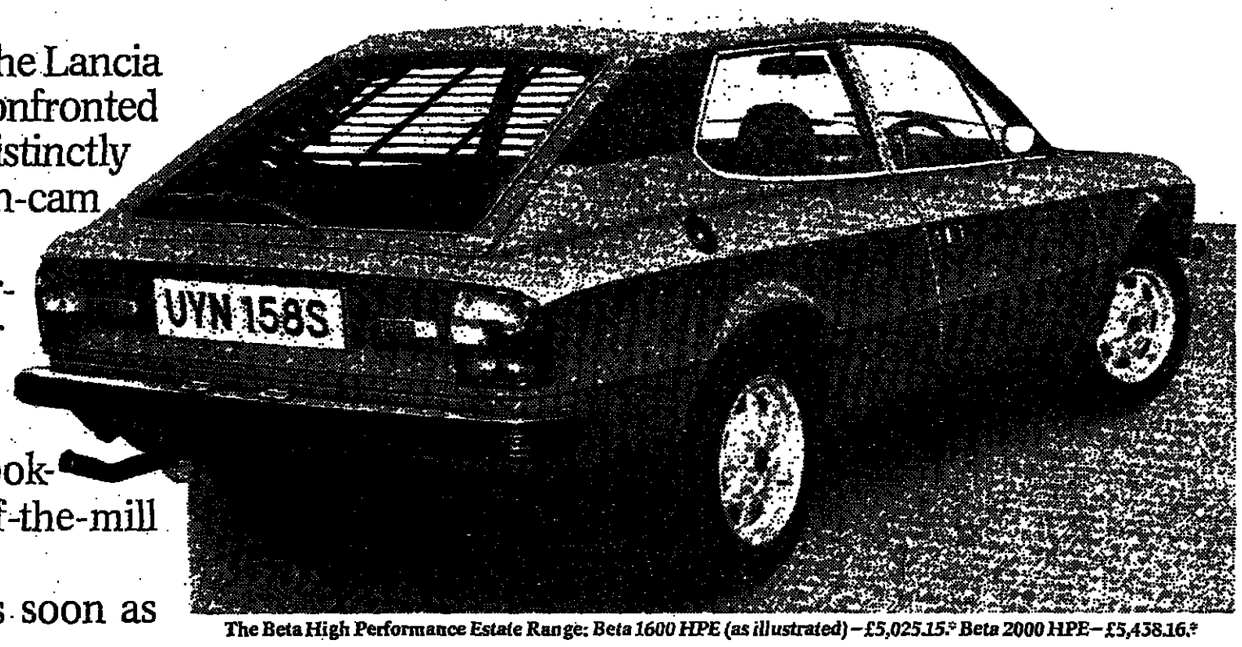
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Indiscriminate sale of council houses causes some concern

House of Commons

Concern that some councils appeared to be selling council houses indiscriminately and disregarding local housing needs was expressed by Mr Reginald Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction.

Asked if he would consider banning sales of council houses by local authorities where there was a known housing shortage, Mr Freeson said—Not at present.

He added that he would be ready to amend the general consent if circumstances warranted it.

Mr Joseph Dean (Leeds, West, Lab)—Some postwar houses are being sold at giveaway prices as low as £5,000 and to replace these houses by new ones is costing £70,000 over a 60-year repayment period.

Will he have a look at the situation in Leeds where they are still continuing to sell council houses with a waiting list of over 20,000 families?

Mr Freeson—I am examining the figures. At this stage I am rather concerned at the extent to which indiscriminate policies are being pursued in some parts of the country and will be watching the situation closely with a view to action if necessary.

Mr Michael Morris (Northampton, South, C)—Every survey done demonstrates that about 80 per cent of young people want to own their own home. Are Conservative councils to understand that the minister is threatening them that if they meet that need, they will be acted against by the Government?

Mr Freeson—He should introduce a little coolness into his assessment of the needs in his area and use his good offices to get local authorities to look at the detailed pattern of housing need and demand in their area and match their actions to that, not to preconceived indiscriminate policies such as he is advocating.

Mr John Ovenden (Gravesend, Lab)—Medway Borough Council is not only selling houses to sitting tenants but embarking on an advertising campaign to persuade people living in flats and maisonettes that if they wish to buy houses they can obtain a transfer.

Is that consistent with the policy of selling houses to sitting tenants? Is it fair to those people who have to continue living for an even longer period in unsuitable conditions because the houses they need for them and their families have been sold off?

Mr Freeson—That is an important point, not only for Medway but local authorities generally. One of the considerations that we, and I hope, local authorities of whatever political persuasion, have in mind in considering this matter is the question of housing management of total estates, and of the question of transferability of families from blocks of flats into houses where they have gardens for their kids to play in.

There is an indication in some parts of the country that if present policies are pursued indiscriminately, it will turn certain blocks of flatted estates into ghettos for families, out of which they will not be able to move.

Mr Hugh Rossi, Opposition spokesman on housing and construction (Hornsey, Hornsey, C)—Will he confirm that no council may sell below the cost of the house in the first place and that with a 20 per cent discount on current market value there is a substantial capital and revenue gain to local authorities?

Will he allow local authorities as of right to sell at a 30 per cent discount which will still show a considerable gain to the taxpayer and ratepayer and give the local tenant mobility he does not otherwise have?

Mr Freeson—When the 30 per cent discount was introduced for some local authorities, it was authorized by the then government at a time of steeply rising inflation in house prices. That was the reason given. That is not the position today.

The figure he has quoted is not strictly accurate. The 20 per cent discount is a general rule but there are some circumstances where the rule about the sale below cost does not arise, unfortunately. We are looking at that.

There is plenty of evidence that there is little capital gain because most local authority council houses sales do not take place on the basis of building society mortgages.

Bill giving greater security to council tenants planned

Security of tenure for council tenants was still the Government's committed policy and they intended to bring forward legislation when they could, Mr Reginald Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction, said.

Mr John Watkinson (West Gloucestershire, Lab) had asked when the Secretary of State for the Environment proposed to introduce a Bill extending security of tenure to council house tenants.

Mr Freeson (Brent, East, Lab)—As soon as we can complete the necessary consultations and a place can be found in the Government's legislative programme.

Mr Watkinson—Security of tenure for council tenants is an integral part of the last Labour manifesto. Is it not time we took action directly on this matter and the council tenants' charter and would he do his best to bring forward legislation this session

Mr Freeson—I cannot guarantee the last point, for reasons of which he will be aware. I can give the general assurance that it is still our committed policy and we intend to bring forward legislation when we can. It will not be simple legislation. The whole issue raises some rather complex legal and managerial questions which will have to be resolved.

Mr Norman Tebbit (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C)—Is not ownership the most secure form of tenure?

Mr Freeson—Not in all cases. I hope he will not join, or stay with, that unhappy throng of people on his side of the House who wish to see an end virtually to the rented sector, which is primarily local authority and housing association owned.

Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L)—Those who owned their property in Blackgang in the Isle of Wight certainly did not think that the most secure form of tenure. (Laughter.) Would he look favourably at the idea of long leasing council houses? That would be one way to get tenants to take more responsibility for maintenance.

Mr Freeson—There are a variety of ways in which we can implement the kind of objectives we have set our under the general heading of the tenants' charter, of which long leasing is one. Some local authorities have already tried it over a number of years in the past Some local authorities have over the years tried three to five-year renewable leases.

Others are embarking upon co-operative housing or tenants' management or in some cases tenants' ownership.

There is no single way forward but a variety of ways and we will pursue them.

Accusation that Tories tell councils not to build

In the past year, investment by manufacturing industry in new building increased by 18 per cent, Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Environment (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab) said.

Mr Anthony Durant (Reading, North, C) had earlier asked what proposals he had to boost construction industry output.

Mr Shore—The £800m of additional public expenditure which has been allocated in the past year for the period up to 1980 will provide a considerable level of public sector demand for the construction industry. This will certainly assist in restoring the industry's confidence.

Mr Durant—Following a number of bankruptcies in the Berkshire area there is still no confidence in the future of the industry. Will the minister take three simple steps to restore confidence: first, drop the proposal to nationalize this industry; second, rescind the Community Land Act; and third, look at planning procedures in order to accelerate them?

Mr Shore—The first two questions are wholly irrelevant. I am only too willing to examine planning procedures so that we can accelerate them.

Mr Kenneth Lewis (Rutland and Stamford, C)—The depression in this industry is going to cause great problems for skills in the future because young people are not getting the apprenticeships needed.

Mr Shore—This is a serious matter. We are concerned to encourage the industry, and the various public sectors of industry, to maintain the right number of people in training for its skills and to encourage the acquisition of skills in the training centres outside the industry.

Mr Albert Costain (Folkestone and Hythe, C)—If a nominated subcontractor breaks the pay code the Secretary of State is claiming the right to break the main contract. That is abortive of human rights. Is that the way to bring confidence to the industry? (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Shore—I discussed this matter with representatives of the industry as recently as February 28. There is a problem in relation to sub-contractors. These matters are still under discussion between ministers and the CBI.

Mr Peter Hardy (Rother Valley, Lab)—It would be simpler and less contemptible if Opposition MPs were to encourage Conservative local authorities to engage in a higher level of construction than the present deplorable level.

Mr Shore—I entirely agree. This is relevant in the whole area of housebuilding, particularly local authority housebuilding where there is deliberate discrimination by Central Office and Opposition spokesmen to local authorities not to build.

Mr Michael Heseltine, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment (Henley, C)—Far from responsibility being on Conservative controlled local authorities, it is the climate in which authorities are expected to trade that has created the downward trend in activity and one for which the minister's government is responsible. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Shore—That comes ill from Mr Heseltine, representing a party whose last major act of the almost forgotten Chancellor of the Exchequer, the then Mr Anthony Barber, was to cut public expenditure by £1,150m in December, 1973, of which over £850m was in the construction area. (Labour cheers.) Do not let us hear any more about stability from Mr Heseltine.

At least part of the climate of confidence is reflected in industrial investment. In the past year investment by manufacturing industry in new building increased by 18 per cent.

Mr 'Chancellor' Ridley presents his budget proposals

It was urgent to bring Britain back from the abyss of socialist stagnation and inertia by cutting taxation, Mr Nicholas Ridley (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C) said when successfully seeking leave to introduce the Finance (Reduction of Taxation) Bill.

Mr Ridley, in the tradition of Chancellors bringing in their Budgets, brought his notes into the Chamber in a dispatch box.—He even sipped the customary drink during his speech. However, after a point of order, the Speaker ruled that unlike the "real Chancellor", other MPs were not allowed to bring cases into the Chamber, and amid some laughter it was removed.

Mr Ridley said that before he revealed the details of his taxation proposals he would outline the economic background against which his budget had been prepared. This was the thirteenth budget of this Parliament and he was not sure how many more it would be possible to cram in before the election.

But however long the present Government were in power, all future budgets would be devoted singlemindedly to one objective: winning the next election.

In each of the past 12 budgets they had been promised the golden decade, the economic miracle had been predicted.

In fact (he said) it would be an economic miracle if anything happened at all. There will be ever more hysterical predictions as the election approaches and the first miraculous prediction is that the rate of inflation will go on falling despite the fact that the growth of the money supply is running well above target.

The rate of inflation would either be measured quarter on quarter or year on year, whichever gave the lower figure. The Chancellor of the Exchequer might even cut VAT again as he did to get it down to 8.4 per cent in 1974. Even that rate of inflation was higher than most of Britain's overseas competitors, and they would be hectored and lectured in order to get their rates up in time for the next election. (Laughter.)

The next miraculous prediction was that the Government were dealing with unemployment. As the Ancient Mariner said last Thursday, the unemployment record of West Germany was much worse than that of Britain. By this he meant that their rate of 0.8 per cent had risen to 3.5 per cent while Britain's had stuck at 6.2 per cent. (Laughter.) One and a half million people on the dole was hardly a success story and it was likely to get worse.

They were told that the balance of payments situation was improving. The surplus on trading account of £109m for the whole of 1977 had been more than wiped out by the loss of £179m in January. Anyone who mentioned that overseas debts of £13,500,000m had been run up since 1974 would be accused of being unpatriotic.

The next miraculous prediction was that next year public expenditure would rise by only 2.2 per cent. In fact, the figure would be 6.7 per cent.

The next miraculous prediction was that economic growth which had been completely stagnant for four years would suddenly rise by an annual rate of 3.5 per cent. How this was to be achieved with penal taxation, bureaucratic interference and the threat of nationalization hanging over industry was not made clear.

The true description of the British economy—and this again would appeal to the Ancient Mariner—was that it was as idle as a painted ship upon a painted ocean. The Government did not even believe their own growth forecasts.

Ministers continued to use the patriotic and self-sacrificing trade union movement to hold down workers' pay. Next year the voluntary guidelines would undoubtedly cause a further drop in the living standards and the Government would use all their powers to deal with any board of directors that they did not like and who failed to hold down wages.

They would use all their powers, including the withdrawal of 714 certificates, Prevention of Terrorism Act, Regulation 18b, the Mutiny Act and Deportation to the Colonies Against Offenders.

As the names of the offenders would be decided upon by the Cabinet those names would be kept secret because of the 30-year secrecy rule.

By these methods, the Government would be successful in forcing down the standard of living still further. It had gone down since the beginning of the Government's period of office by 8 per cent and he calculated that if they got a further 13 wasted years it would disappear altogether.

Looking not at the propaganda, but at the truth of what was happening in the economy, the conclusion was that it would be unwise to make any substantial cuts in taxation. To do so would be to accelerate the increase in inflation, that was likely to become evident in the autumn, anyway.

If inflation was to be further reduced they needed a maximum growth in M3 of about 10 per cent in the coming year.

Nevertheless, it was vital to reduce the burden of direct taxation although any cuts in income tax would have to be paid for in large measure by increases in indirect taxation, such as VAT, taxes on petrol, wines, spirits, beer and tobacco.

Mr Ridley then set out his proposals.

He said that in order to help skilled workers and managers he intended to restore the 1973 value of the higher rate income three-fold. This would cost £610m in a full year. It was essential to do this if they were to retain these people in the country at all.

He also intended to lower the top rate of income tax from 83 per cent to 60 per cent.

If income was investment income, the top rate would still be 75 per cent. This would cost £250m on its own but as he had restored the value of the higher rate threshhold it would cost only about half that amount.

His Bill would also restore the starting point for investment income surcharge to the equivalent of the value in 1973, that was £4,384 a year. This would cost £140m in a full year. It was only social justice for the elderly that he had saved.

His Bill would also restore the value of personal and [illegible] allowance to the equivalent value they had in 1973. This would cost £2,250m in a full year. It would virtually end the poverty trap and let millions out of paying tax altogether.

I regret (he continued) that I am not able to restore the burden of taxation to that applying in 1973 which would undoubtedly require in addition a cut in standard rate income tax from 34 per cent to 30 per cent. That would cost a further £1,500m, bringing the total cost of getting back to Tory tax levels of £3,890m a year.

The cost of what I propose is £3,230m. It is not, of course, as drastic as I would have liked to be, but to do more expenditure would first have to be cut. I think that the Chancellor should look at indirect taxes by £2,000m and find another £1,000m worth of cuts in shares in order to finance the remaining £230m could possibly be borne on the borrowing requirement.

It is urgent to bring the country back from the abyss of socialist stagnation and inertia by cutting taxes. Nobody, not even the Liberal Party can trust this Government to reduce our penal taxation in order to get the British economy moving again.

Parliament must therefore decide and the way for Parliament to decide is to give me leave to introduce this modest Bill. (Loud Conservative cheers.)

The Bill was read a first time.

Opposition pressure on Mr Shore about Labour plans for building industry

When Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Environment, had indicated he had no current plans to nationalize building or construction companies, Mr Michael Heseltine, chief Opposition spokesman, said that so long as the Government's ambivalent attitude prevailed, investment would not flow and the present scandalous unemployment in construction would continue.

Several Conservative MPs asked about the Government's proposals to nationalize construction and Mr Shore (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab) said—I have no current proposals to nationalize building or construction companies. No consultations or discussions have therefore taken place.

Mr Peter Fry (Wellingborough, C)—Will he come clean about his own views? Does he support Labour Party official policy, and if so, has he costed that policy or does he agree with the late Aneurin Bevan: "When you talk about nationalizing the building industry, you are really saying let us nationalize every industry in Great Britain"?

Mr Shore—I advise Mr Fry to read carefully the statement by the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party presented to the last Labour conference.

Mr Arthur Jones (Daventry, C)—I do not think Mr Shore is forthcoming on this question. Has he had correspondence to or from any of the major contracting firms in this country: Laing, Wimpey, Wates, and Taylor Woodrow? In any question of nationalization of those firms, what regard is being given to their overseas activities which are extremely beneficial to our balance of payments?

Mr Shore—I have not checked whether I have had individual letters; I cannot recall them.

I understand the point about the great importance of the contribution that major construction firms have to make in large orders still to be won and which are being won for the industry in the Middle East and in many other overseas markets.

Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C)—Has he not read carefully the policy of the 1977 Labour conference about nationalization of the construction industry? Is it Mr Shore's intention to press that implementation of that policy should be included in the Queen's Speech, or the next Labour Party's manifesto, whichever is first?

Can he deny that it will cost £1,500m initially and £200m a year in running cost to implement that policy?

Mr Shore—I do not confirm his tortured arithmetic, but that apart, I have indeed read the document. It is a good analysis of the problems of the industry. It identifies them in a serious way, and comes forward as an interim report with a number of proposed solutions. There will be further studies both by the NEC and others before further decisions are made.

Mr Timothy Sainsbury (Hove, C)—Mr Shore's reference to having no current proposals for nationalization will be severely damaging to confidence in the construction industry and therefore to investment and jobs. Can he assure the House that he has no proposals for nationalization?

Mr Shore—If the Conservatives had said at a similar stage that they had no current proposals to nationalize Rolls-Royce, they would have been safeguarding their position against all eventualities—(Laughter)—but thinking does not stop when MPs become Secretaries of State and I am much concerned with the future of the industry.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—It is clear Opposition MPs have not read the NEC statement which makes clear that the proposal is to establish a national construction corporation based on one or two of the major companies, extension of direct labour organizations and the encouragement of cooperatives at the lowest level.

That is not full nationalization of the industry, but as the Estates Times said about the Conservatives, they should do something serious before considering this matter.

Mr Shore—Mr Heffer knows better than most MPs what is in the document because he presided over the working party.

He wrote in Building only a short time ago, in referring to the national construction corporation, that it could be created without taking over any contractor, so it is not right for the House to judge any of these matters which have not yet been concluded. They will have to be discussed and looked at carefully.

Mr Ronald Thomas (Bristol, North-West, Lab)—Conservative MPs continually call for public expenditure when it will help the construction industry and many Labour MPs realize that as the construction industry depends on public sector orders, the quicker it is in public ownership the better.

Mr Shore—The matter of greatest concern to the industry is not the questions which the Conservatives are throwing at us today but the overall demand which can be anticipated in future, and whether there can be big improvements, not only in conditions, but in labour relations, by creating stability in the flow of orders from the public and private sectors.

Mr Michael Heseltine, chief Opposition spokesman on environment (Henley, C)—Mr Shore's answer will confirm the worst suspicions of the people who have watched the evolution of policy in the Labour Party.

His evasive answer has confirmed that it is not hostility to nationalization, but that it is simply a question of timing and of when it can be introduced with the minimum electoral disadvantage to the Labour Party.

As long as that ambivalent attitude prevails in the Labour Party, investment will not flow and the present scandalous levels of unemployment in the construction industry will remain.

Mr Shore—Mr Heseltine is in a state of near permanent neurosis on public ownership and nothing I can offer will help to relieve it. (Laughter.)

Mr Shore added later that the Labour Party had agreed to have the kind of discussions which were normal within the party.

If and when we make any firm proposals on the construction industry or anything else (he said), they will be made public and they will be part of the agreed policy of the party.

MP seeks to prevent 'minority Welsh-speaking gravy train'

It was essential that the House accepted the principle that lack of knowledge of the Welsh language should not be a bar to any appointment as officer or servant of the proposed Welsh Assembly, Mr Leo Abse (Pontypool, Lab) said when debate resumed on the committee stage of the Welsh Bill.

On Clause 25 (Staff), he moved an amendment providing that if any person failed to secure a post as such an officer or servant because of lack of knowledge of Welsh, they would have a tortuous course of action enabling them to pursue a claim for damages against the assembly in the county court or High Court, whichever was the appropriate jurisdiction.

He said during his lifetime and that of his contemporaries, there had been great changes in attitudes to the Welsh language. He moved this amendment with sadness and regret.

He was born in Cardiff, and like a great many people, knew little more than a song like "Land of My Fathers" in Welsh. These attitudes had created a sad and catastrophic decline in the language, until in the postwar years people began to realize what a loss was taking place.

English-speaking Welsh people had, however, had a deluge, a torrent, of Welsh forms which were meaningless to them and which they could only see not as an attempt to revive and resuscitate the language, but as a defiant act of political propaganda.

Because of the insistence of a vociferous minority, they had seen money that could have been made available genuinely to succour and tend the language, instead squandered in tokenism, in signs being erected in English-speaking areas of Wales which had cost millions.

There had been a tendency creeping throughout Wales wherever the influence of Plaid Cymru could make itself felt that those who wished to apply for jobs found that, lacking Welsh, they did not obtain the jobs. As a result of the fanaticism that had come into existence, the whole atmosphere of Wales on the language question had been utterly soured.

In this atmosphere of apprehension the concept of creating a Welsh Assembly ad immediately Welsh Assembly had immediately alerted a large section of the population who were concerned that if the assembly came into existence it should not be what he believed it would become—a gravy train for a Welsh-speaking minority.

Given the extravagant and fanatical attitude of Plaid Cymru, their members who came into the assembly would neither speak nor write in any language other than Welsh to all the civil servants with whom they were in communication. Civil servants who dealt with them would have to know Welsh. In the top tiers there would come into existence a Welsh-speaking bureaucratic elite.

He was concerned that a young man or woman who lived in Newport should have the opportunity to rise to the top of the civil service if it came into existence, and that no English-speaking Welshman should be in the slightest degree disadvantaged.

Mr Emlyn Hooson (Montgomeryshire, L) said that Mr Abse had done a great disservice to Wales because he had given the impression of being as bigoted as those he accused of being bigoted.

It was a difficult problem because of the history of Wales, but only last week he had heard of a music teacher in a school who had refused to play God Save the Queen at the end of an eisteddfod and on the other hand there was a headmaster who refused to stand for Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau.

The matter should be left to the common sense of the elected members of the assembly who would be fair, just and sensible. The House should not try to impose any rules on them in that regard. A large number of assembly members would not be Welsh-speaking.

In my view (he said) nobody should be disadvantaged by the knowledge or lack of knowledge of the Welsh language.

Mr Cledwyn Hughes (Anglesey, Lab) said the Welsh language had survived for many centuries against most formidable odds. Only in recent years had it received some encouragement and recognition. It was part of the Welsh inheritance and those who were brought up to speak it, as he was, cherished it.

It was not helpful to make a bogey out of the Welsh language and no service to the Principality to suggest that somehow it might threaten the livelihood of some people.

If they resisted the right of a Welshman in his own country to speak in his own language in a national assembly of any kind, they would be more intolerant than any country, including Russia.

Translation systems existed and the amount of money involved would be negligible. None would object to it. That system had been used for decades in county councils.

Sir Raymond Gower (Barry, C) said money spent in some cases on signs and forms could have been spent more profitably on language laboratories and special forms of further education in the Welsh language. The amendment would deal with the fears Mr Abse expressed or achieve his objectives.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said if he were Welsh he would want his Welsh language retained for himself, for his children and for their children. To have one's language lopped off would be like having a limb lopped off.

Mr Dafydd Thomas (Merioneth, Plaid Cymru) said there was hysterical opposition to the Bill to stimulate and restore Welsh culture.

There was a case for having a linguistic ombudsman to make independent assessment whether there were any instances of alleged discrimination. That would mean that there was one effective focus for any complaints about discrimination.

Bilingualism had not been achieved now because of the merits of the issue but as yet another battle on the screen, yet another red herring, yet another hare in the Welsh language debate. It was an attempt to distort the whole issue in emotionalism. Mr Wyn Roberts, an Opposition spokesman on Wales (Conway) said the amendment was based on the fear that people would be discriminated against on linguistic grounds. He feared discrimination more on party political grounds. It was intended to happen now.

Some preference was also practised on linguistic grounds with Welsh language teachers, bilingual broadcasting, Welsh language programmes. It was right that top broadcasting executives should be able to converse in Welsh, and the broadcasting organizations should help those who wanted to learn Welsh.

Mr John Morris, Secretary of State for Wales (Aberavon, Lab) said the logic of Mr Abse's amendment was difficult to follow because the change from what was proposed in the Bill to a Welsh Civil Service would need legislation.

The assembly's power to appoint staff was severely constrained in the Bill which provided that it should be members of the Home Civil Service. They had the same kind of powers of appointment as United Kingdom ministers and the recruitment and promotion of assembly staff would have to be carried out by or under the general control of the Civil Service Commissioners.

The amendment was negatived and the clause carried by 196 votes to 169—Government majority, 27.

Clauses 26 to 32 were agreed to.

Clause 33 (Remuneration) was carried by 194 votes to 165—Government majority, 29.

Clause 34 was agreed to.

Speke closure: Leyland management responsible for manpower needs

The Government could not set themselves up as some kind of alternative manager of British Leyland, Mr Leslie Huckfield, Under-Secretary for Industry (Nuneaton, Lab) said in reply to an adjournment debate on the proposed closure of the Leyland No 2 plant at Speke, Liverpool.

They had accepted the view of the Leyland board and the National Enterprise Board that manpower must be brought in line with market prospects. The means to achieve this must be left to Leyland management to decide in consultation with the NEB.

Earlier, Mr Edward Loyden (Liverpool, Garston, Lab) in opening the debate, said the proposed closure was unacceptable because the loss of 3,000 jobs represented a serious setback to any hopes of industrial recovery on Merseyside and the North-west region. It would be more difficult for young people to find jobs

On every occasion the Opposition and media had hit out at the workers; they had made no constructive proposals and it had been evident from day one of the Leyland rescue that they had been opposed to this concept of a car industry.

The decision to close Speke could lead to other closures and the break-up of Leyland.

These policies were not ones that ought to be followed by a Labour Government which had a responsibility to examine in the closest detail all aspects of Leyland decisions.

Before any decision was made by the Government on Speke or the corporate plan, they must be gone through with a fine toothcomb to see that the social consequences of these decisions were taken fully into account.

Mr Huckfield said it would be difficult for the company to justify both to the House and the public further investment in British Leyland, especially on the scale British Leyland were likely to need, unless the management could clearly demonstrate that firm steps were being taken to tackle the company's problems.

These steps might be unpleasant and in the case of the proposal to close Speke No 2 had been made more difficult by the fact that the plant was on Merseyside.

It was estimated that Merseyside had received some £302m of regional financial assistance from the five years 1972-73 to 1976-77. The assistance under section seven of the Industry Act had safeguarded or created 40,000 jobs since 1972.

Administrative changes at Porton

Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, said in a written reply—The future of the Microbiological Research Establishment, Porton, as a civil establishment has been reviewed in terms of scientific capabilities by a committee of the Medical Research Council. The Government broadly accepts their proposals for a reduced scale of activity.

Detailed programmes are to be the subject of study by the Ministry of Defence, which retains responsibility for the Microbiological Research Establishment for the time being, the Public Health Laboratory Service Board, which it is intended will assume management responsibility from April 1, 1979, and my department.

The timing and extent of the necessary legislation, which I intend to introduce as soon as conveniently possible, will depend to some extent on the outcome of this study, but I would hope that any changes in the law would be short and uncontroversial.

Under the National Health Service Act, 1977, the Public Health Laboratory Service Board may exercise such functions with respect to the administration of the public health laboratory service as I may determine.

The public health laboratory service provided under the Act consists of the provision of a microbiological service for the control the spread of infectious disease and much of the civilian work present carried out at MRE on therefore becontinued under new arrangements

But certain manufacturing other activities, particularly those connected with microbiological products, at present carried out Porton, could not be said to relate to the administration of the public health laboratory service, if additional powers are thereby required.

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Pleas for consensus on future of education

House of Lords

The Government should recognize that local needs varied and it was wrong to assume that an education system universally imposed would meet the needs of all areas, Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) said in opening a debate on parental choice in education.

He said that the Government had achieved a large measure of their plans for comprehensive education and for which in due course they would be answerable.

My plea (he said) is for flexibility, understanding and moderation in the application of those policies in particular circumstances.

There were many parts of the country where comprehensive education was acceptable and popular and other areas where it was thought to be profoundly wrong and deeply resented. Iron uniformity should not be imposed by the Government against a hurried timetable.

The present Secretary of State for Education (Mrs Shirley Williams) would go down in history as one of the great educational innovators of all time. She would be responsible, by her policies, for the founding of more private fee-paying schools than any education minister since the time of King Edward VI. That might be good for the comfortably off, but it was not for those of modest means.

There should be a consensus. One party should not press to such extremes that another party coming to power was bound automatically to reverse it. He hoped that the Government would be prepared to go a bit more slowly.

Lord Beaumont of Whitley (L) said that there never had been much parental choice. The best way forward was through neighbourhood schools which were more responsive to parents. The Government must cut out a lot of the bureaucracy in the educational system. Headmasters should have more power.

Lord Belstead (C), for the Opposition, said that education reformers had shot the wrong fox. Instead of concentrating on higher standards they had followed the quarry of selection for 20 years until in the Education Act, 1976, the Government claimed to have made the kill. No local education authority should ever select anybody for anything except for music and dancing. What an incredible solution to Britain's economic and industrial problems.

If the Government genuinely wanted to raise standards they were less likely to succeed by insisting on the destruction of many good schools. Authorities should not and need not be coerced. Authorities had been reorganizing along comprehensive lines flexibly.

The Government did not want to see an independent sector and they did not recognize any advantage in encouraging the maintained and independent systems to run side by side, the one benefiting from the experience of the other.

The Conservatives believed in more responsibility for parents. The Government's policy was marred by their disregard of what parents might want.

Lady Gaitskell (Lab) said that for 80 per cent of the population there was no parental choice. She did not believe that the Conservative Party could begin to unscramble the changes in education. It would be a disaster.

Lady Stewart of Alvechurch (Lab) said children of high intelligence should be educated with children of lesser intelligence. One good reason for that was that there was no really accurate method of measuring intelligence. It was unreliable to use the results of intelligence tests to decide which school a child attended.

Lady Faithfull (C) said those schools which were now lost to the state system because they had been forced to become independent would be a cause for even greater division in education than had existed before.

Lady Emmet of Amberley (C) said mass production in education was not wanted. Variety was needed and with imagination it could be done, but not if education was to be hidebound by the comprehensive principle.

Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Minister of State for Education and Science, said that the Government believed that the comprehensive school was capable of giving the best possible education to a whole range of children and was, in many cases, doing so. The Government did not believe it could do that if the brightest children were creamed off and educated elsewhere.

The Government had to look to the future. There had been a tendency to concentrate on the privileged minority of the pupils and to neglect the equally important interests of the 80 per cent who used to attend secondary schools.

The loss of parental choice applied only to the 20 per cent who were going to direct grant or grammar schools. It was absurd to suggest that the introduction of comprehensive education had reduced choice in terms of educational opportunities.

There was no question of academic education not being available within the comprehensive system. In many areas it had been enhanced because children were eligible to enter a range of schools regardless of their ability or aptitude.

With the changes which the Government had made they had widened the range for the vast majority of children. In many areas the changes had been made in an orderly way, regardless of whether a Conservative or Labour council had been in power.

More than three million children out of a total of fewer than four million were in comprehensive schools. The Government's policy was not and had never been one of outright opposition to the grammar schools as such, but to the selective system. The traditions and experience of the grammar schools need not be lost, but could be preserved in the comprehensive system, and in a certain number of cases were.

If only (he said) we could stop fighting over the few remaining anomalies and get together to make the system work better we could do a great deal of good.

Whenever possible parents should have the right and the opportunity to express any preference they might have for one school rather than another and local authorities should be obliged to take that parental preference into account as far as it was reasonably possible. That did not mean that all local education authorities should adopt identical admission procedures.

There must be many variations to meet local circumstances, subject to the comprehensive principle. The Secretary of State's proposals would extend to all parents the opportunities available to many, and that would be generally welcomed.

Archaeological mapping arrangements

Mr Guy Barnett, Under Secretary for the Environment, in a written reply, said—The Secretary of State (Mr Shore) has received a letter from the Ancient Monuments Board expressing concern about the recently announced changes in the Ordnance Survey's archaeological operations.

The question of an improved system for the recording of antiquities raises several issues which the department is considering.

In the meantime, the Director General of the Ordnance Survey has undertaken that the present arrangements for archaeological mapping will be carefully monitored.

It will be open to the Ancient Monuments Board to submit evidence on these and other matters to the Ordnance Survey Review Committee, and an invitation to submit evidence has been sent to them.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Debate on Select Committee on Nationalized Industries report on British Steel Corporation.

House of Lords

Today at 3: Industrial and Provident Societies Bill, third reading. Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill, third reading. Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill, third reading. Housing (Scotland) Bill, third reading. Rent Rebates and Rent Allowances (Redundancy Payments) Bill, committee. Civil Aviation Bill, second reading.

Police pay

Dr Shirley Summerskill, Under-Secretary, Home Office, said in a written reply that a 20 per cent increase in police pay would cost about £105m a year.

EST EUROPE

Ministers try to stem strong left-wing tide in ancient French capital of Bourges

n Charles Hargrove
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Mme Simone Veil: Described as "the only man in the Government".



M Deniau: "You do not reduce bureaucracy by recruiting 200,000 civil servants

tradition. In the 1920s it returned to Parliament one of the country's first Communist members.

Today, having conquered the town hall, the left thinks the seat, held for 27 years by M *Raymond Boisdé*, the *outgoing* Republican deputy who is nearly 80, is at last within its grasp.

M Deniau is State Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the present Government. "The moderate, middle-of-the-road voters here complain about everything", he told me in the 10-seater ministerial aircraft which flew us out to Bourges with Mme Simone Veil, the Minister of Health, coming to give him the benefit of her impressive support.

"Some of them say they will vote left because they are fed up with paying taxes and with bureaucracy. I tell them there will be *much more of both* if the left gets in, but they don't seem to believe it.

"My job is to win the five to six points we lost to the left in 1977", he adds. "It is not easy. The Communist-dominated council has avoided the errors of the one at Rheims, which has made itself thoroughly unpopular by its initiative. Here in Bourges, the Communist Party machine has already got its grip on all the ramifications of municipal administration."

Later, addressing a public meeting in Bourges, attended by about 1,000 people, M Weniau declared to loud cheers that he was against the common programme of the left, not for reasons of right or left but "because it's a bad programme, which does not meet our problems, which are inflation, unemployment and bureaucracy".

Mme Veil, who was once described as "the only man in the Government", and remains a firm favourite in the popularity stakes of opinion polls, way ahead of the party leaders, is not standing herself in these elections; but she tours the country indefatigably supporting the candidates

Addressing the meeting, she did not wander into the electoral generalities and promises of which people have had more than enough. She told her audience what the Government had done for women, the family and old people, and talked about the "health revolution" in France in recent years.

The social budget of the nation was larger than the state budget, she emphasized. But social policy was a choice. "One cannot do everything at the same time: double old age pensions, raise family allowances, increase health benefits, and rebuild outdated hospitals."

The Government's policy took into account that the asset, which Frenchmen and women most cherished was the family—as opinion polls had shown.

Concorde wins cooperation award

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, March 8

Concorde is the winner of this year's annual Whitbread award for Franco-British cooperation. The award was presented today at a luncheon in Paris to M Gilbert Cormery, research director of the aircraft division of Aerospatiale in Toulouse, and Dr W. J. Strang, technical director of the Anglo-French Concorde organization.

Dr Strang, in a speech of thanks, described the Concorde as "the greatest single advance ever made in the history of aviation", achieved despite technical difficulties and political obstacles.

M Cormery said that what had been achieved with Concorde led him to think that if France and Britain worked together on a new project, and endowed themselves with a good industrial organization, the "future will be theirs". American industry was not an enemy to be fought, but a "rather overpowering force to be balanced by another force of sufficient weight".

Lord Duncan-Sandys, joint president of the Franco-British Council, said that as Minister of Transport in 1959, he had some difficulty in persuading the British Government to go ahead with the Concorde adventure. "I said I was certain of one thing: if the French and British aerospace industries did not have the courage to take the step, they could be regarded as written off".

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The French elections

Barre has no trouble spotting the googlies

Ian Murray
March 8

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He denied that the opposition parties had a "monopoly of the left". There were lots of good socialists in the Government coalition parties and the fact that France was so well developed socially and had so little real poverty proved it.

He estimated that the average working married couple had a minimum income of 5,000 francs (£540) a month and that a household with one breadwinner must, with social benefits, have at least 3,500 francs (£380) a month to spend.

The fact might be that the French like a change. However, according to an opinion poll published in the socialist weekly *Le Nouvel Observateur*, although they wanted a change, they would prefer not to be governed by the leaders of the left but by "your humble servant".

Somewhat mischievously he pointed out that whereas M François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, had been in the forefront of politics for many, many years, he himself had been involved for only about 18 months.

M Barre refused to be drawn on to subjects beyond his job. He had not the first idea what was in the mind of the Communist Party. He really did not know if the President would or should address the nation again before the elections. He was only the Prime Minister.

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One in four in W Germany is now over 60

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, March 8

Professor Volkmar Bohlau, president of the Kuratorium of Seniors, said in Karlsruhe today that more attention should be paid to the steadily growing numbers of old West Germans

Every fourth West German is now over 60. A century ago the average life-span was 48 years for men and 52 for women but they can now expect to live for 70 and 75 years respectively, he said.

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German constitutional *state and the integrity of our justice can only be doubted by those who are misinformed or in bad faith,"* he said.

The lawyers see the trial as a *test case for colleagues in the* difficult position of having to defend terrorists.

The margin between committed defence of one's client and becoming his accomplice is already narrow, Dr Wagner pointed out.

It is even more difficult when *it comes to clients who demand* lawyers who share their political views, and are more or less part of their organization.

The interest in the trial is in danger of being diverted over the issue of body searches to which lawyers, journalists and members of the public are submitted on entering a terrorist trial.

The searches have been increasingly humiliating in recent months since lawyers have often been made to take their trousers off for closer searches.

Six defence lawyers in the trial of Irmgard Möller, accused of murdering American soldiers, have refused to participate in the case in protest.

Dr Wagner recommended colleagues and journalists to use commonsense and to co-operate in reasonable searches. But he insisted that they must not offend a person's dignity and emphasized that everyone participating in the trial, including the judges, should submit to the same kind of search.

Especially tight controls of defence lawyers only were unacceptable, he said.

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WEST EUROPE

Italian public opinion focused on opening of Red Brigades trial

From Peter Nichols
Rome, March 8

Public opinion throughout Italy will be focused on the opening due in Turin tomorrow of the trial of alleged founders and leaders of the Red Brigades, the most formidable of the groups of armed terrorists.

Among the 49 defendants is Renato Curcio, who describes himself as "a militant of the revolutionary left".

The trial has twice been postponed, once on procedural grounds and then, last spring, on clear grounds of intimidation. Lay judges could not be found to serve on the bench after the murder of the head of the Turin lawyers' association.

Tomorrow is the third attempt and much more than a trial is at stake. The court of assizes has to show that Italian justice can bring allegedly dangerous terrorists to trial despite the atmosphere of fear they have created by the kidnappings, murders and woundings with which they are charged or for which they claim responsibility.

It is only a matter of months since Turin witnessed one of the murders ascribed to the Red Brigades, that of Signor Carlo Casalegno, deputy editor of *La Stampa*, Turin's leading newspaper.

The court still has a problem of choosing more lay judges. They sit on the bench with two professional judges and take part in deciding the verdict and the sentence.

So far 11 have been found. The law requires six to sit on the bench and others to act as reserves, follow the trial and take over from any of the six who are forced to give up the hearings. Dr Guido Barbaro, the chairman of the court, wants more than five reserves because he foresees a long trial.

The trial will be held in the converted hall of a barracks and some 2,000 extra police are said to have been moved into the city.

The crimes with which the 49 are charged include three kidnappings, one of a judge, and armed conspiracy. The aim of the Red Brigades, according to the charge sheet, is "the suppression and violent subversion of the economic, social and political order of the state".

There seems no doubt that it will open, unless some unexpected event occurs during the night. But there may be a request from the defence to transfer it to another city.

Dutch MPs reject use of neutron bomb

From Our Correspondent
Amsterdam, March 8

The Lower House of the Dutch Parliament this morning adopted a motion opposing deployment of the neutron bomb and asking the Government to inform the United States and the other Nato allies of its stand.

Mr van Agt, the Prime Minister, opposed the motion, introduced by the small left-liberal Democrats-66 Party, but it was carried with the support of *members of Mr van Agt's own* Christian Democratic Party.

The Christian Democrats, a majority in the centre-right Government coalition, are known to oppose the neutron bomb. But the Cabinet accepted the view of conservative Liberal Party ministers that Holland should neither support nor oppose.

Mr van Agt stated during the debate that while the Government would attempt to keep the neutron bomb from being introduced, it could not, at this stage of the consultations with Nato partners, take a position for or against. Introduction of the new bomb would also be dependent on the results of arms reduction talks with the Soviet Union.

Today's vote will not, however, modify the Cabinet's stand, as it is not binding on the Government.

US Army big-spenders reduced to poor relations by sickly dollar

GI blues in Germany

From Patricia Clough
Stuttgart, March 8

At American bases in West Germany the 180,000 Army personnel and their families are adjusting painfully to the unfamiliar role of poor relations. The dollar's nosedive has transformed the image of the GI in just over a year from the carefree big spender to the hard-up serviceman.

With the dollar now valued at less than DM2, compared to the previous DM4, West Germany is beginning to be regarded as a hardship post.

But reports that West Germans are helping out with food parcels appear, after extensive checks, to be highly exaggerated, although some landlords have been reducing rents, making GI tenants wonder if the rents were tailored to their dollar incomes in the first place.

The worst affected are lower ranking staff who transport and house their families at their own expense.

Horizons have shrunk to army compounds as families *are obliged to shop cheaply in* the PX, drink at army bars and use army facilities. Some units are helping by allowing dependants to eat in the canteens.

Debts have become a common problem and the army is arranging financial counselling.

At the same time the difficulties have created a spirit of togetherness reminiscent of wartime Britain. "People have come together, everybody is helping everyone else, people care more and are getting together to work out their problems" a social worker at Mannheim says.

Many Germans are inviting GIs and their families for meals and helping with baby sitting. Bachelors report that German girls are happy to share the cost on dates—"Not that that reduces my embarrassment", one soldier said.

The army is making efforts to relieve the problem. Living allowances are being increased and more soldiers are being allowed to keep their families at the army's expense. Cheap travel is being organized, although half the point was to get away from the army. An emergency loan service is helping *many servicemen out of* temporary difficulties.

Arab financier kidnapped in Milan street

Milan, March 8.—Mr David Beissah, a Syrian-born businessman who heads a Milan-based financial firm, was kidnapped *during the night by four* masked bandits on a street here, the police reported today.

The bandits seized Mr Beissah, who is 65, near his house. He resisted his kidnappers, who fired machine-gun volleys in the air before driving off with him.

Meanwhile, in Rome, police announced that early today kidnappers released Signor Sergio Sonnino, the owner of a building *supply company*. His family has paid a big ransom for his release. He was found chained to a tree.

Madrid move to force early local elections

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, March 8

The Spanish Socialist Workers' Party has withdrawn from the parliamentary committee studying the draft constitution, in a manoeuvre to induce the Government to call municipal elections without delay.

The Centre Democratic Union, the party of Señor Suárez, the Prime Minister, hinted recently that it would put off municipal elections until after a constitution had been approved.

Opinion polls suggest that the left would do well in early elections. The Centrists believe that they will gain more votes if they are able to claim credit for a new constitution.

Local polls hearten Danish Government

From Our Correspondent
Copenhagen, March 8

Denmark's local elections yesterday have confirmed the growing strength of the governing Social Democratic Party and the Conservatives. But they failed to break the trend towards non-party groups in the 275 municipalities and 14 county electorate divisions.

Both the non-party groups and the anti-tax Progress Party movement roughly maintained their strength.

Compared with the results of the parliamentary election last year, the Conservatives gained most, winning 6 per cent to take 14.4 per cent of the overall vote. The Social Democrats advanced by 1.3 per cent to 38.3 on this basis.

The anti-tax Progress Party recorded a gain in terms of mandates but fell by nearly 6 per cent to 8.9 per cent of the overall vote compared with the last parliamentary election. The opposite applied to the Liberal Party, long considered the leading opposition group, which was a loser in terms of mandates but emerged 4.6 per cent stronger at 16.6 per cent on the parliamentary comparison basis.

Although it is not possible to draw a direct comparison between local and parliamentary elections, the returns have started speculation that Mr Anker Joergensen, the Prime Minister, may decide to try and benefit by an early parliamentary election. However, he firmly denied any such intention today.



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OVERSEAS

A sweeping reshuffle of top posts in Romania

From Dessa Trevisan
Belgrade, March 8

In a sweeping reshuffle of top Communist Party and Government posts, President Ceausescu has released seven ministers and four out of 10 party Central Committee secretaries from their jobs.

Among the most important changes is the promotion of Mr Ilie Verdet, regarded as the closest associate of Mr Ceausescu, to the post of First Deputy Prime Minister and chairman of the State Planning *Committee*. The *appointment* comes after a fresh commitment by the President to continue his crash industrialization programme which, in effect, puts off any meaningful improvement in the low living standards of Romanians for another five years at least.

The purpose of the reshuffle is said to be to strengthen all departments dealing with the national economy by placing men who enjoy the President's personal confidence in key Cabinet positions.

Mr Cornel Burtica, until now the Central Committee secretary in charge of ideology, who is also regarded as being close to the President has been appointed to head the Ministry of Foreign Trade.

Both he and Mr Verdet have held top posts in the party's Political Executive Committee. However, in the reshuffle, they both lost their party posts. Whether this means a political demotion is not yet clear.

Mr Ceausescu is clearly encountering serious problems in putting into practice his ambitious economic programme, under which Romania is to reach the level of a medium-developed industrialized country by the end of the next five-year plan. Mr Verdet and Mr Burtica appear to have been given a key role in this work.

Although both Mr Verdet and Mr Burtica have now lost their position in the party heirarchy this may not necessarily mean a political demotion. Romania is, however, a *communist country* where a party position has, until now at least, carried more weight than a Government post.

At the same time several new appointments have been made to the Political Executive Committee.

Mr Virgil Cazacu has been made a secretary of the Central Committee, presumably in succession to Mr Burtica, and a Deputy Prime Minister.

Mr Emil Draganescu, a Deputy Prime Minister and member of the Political Executive Committee, and Mr Floreo Dumitrescu, Minister of Finance, have lost their posts. Mr Draganescu is to become Minister of Sport, while Mr Dumitrescu has ben demoted to a minor administrative job.

Recently three Cabinet ministers were suspended for unspecified irregularities, believed to have been related to bribery and corruption, and the Minister of Mining and several other officials in the mining industry have lost their posts after a miners' strike in the Jiu valley.

Carter move expected against miners today

From David Goss
Washington, March 8

The United States Administration was expected to seek a court order tomorrow to force the country's 160,000 striking miners back to work. A special board of inquiry appointed by President Carter began today to question the parties to the dispute.

The three-member board headed by Mr John Gentry, a Washington lawyer and arbitrator, was taking evidence from miners' leaders as well as mine owners' representatives. Its report will probably be ready tonight and will be presented to the Administration right away so that a federal injunction against the strikers can be sought under the terms of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Fears are growing in many coal-mining states that many miners will not obey an order to return to work, as Mr Arnold Miller, president of the United Mine Workers of America, has predicted. Mr John Dalton, the Governor of Virginia, has declared a state of emergency and ordered more state police into mining areas.

Nevertheless, a hopeful White House statement said there was "a belief and a presumption on the part of the Government that people will obey the law".

If this optimism proves unfounded, the Administration may then consider Government seizure of the mines with the authorization of Congress. Mr Carter, however, continues to insist that he has ruled this out.

Miners' leaders have said their men would prefer to return to work under a Government takeover because they would then be working for the Government rather than the operators. Moreover, the Government might well agree to pay them more than their regular employers.

One disadvantage of a federal seizure is that it would take longer to implement than the invocation of the Taft-Hartley Act, which does not require Congressional approval.

Mr Carter's strategy in invoking the Taft-Hartley Act, to solve his first domestic crisis is clearly pinned on the hope that as coal supplies run low public pressure will push the miners back to work.

But other trade unions, although their members may be laid off because of energy shortages, have shown no signs of deserting the miners.

Indeed, the powerful United Auto Workers union has just contributed about $2m. (about £1m) to a special relief fund to help miners' families suffering from a loss of income over the past three months.

Energy breakthrough: After many weeks of stalemate in the Senate, President Carter's energy conservation programme appears to be on the move again. For the first time a majority of senators in the energy committee are supporting a compromise on rises in prices for natural gas.

President Assad promises to build up Syrian forces

Damascus, March 8.—President Assad today pledged Syria to a continued defence build-up and close ties with the Soviet Union.

Speaking after being sworn into office for a second seven-year term as President, he said Syria placed more importance on restoring the full rights of the Palestinians than on restoring the full rights of the Palestinians than on regaining its own territory in the Israeli-occupied Golen Heights.

In a clear reference to President Sadat, he promised to reject all forms of "begging" for a Middle East settlement. In an apparent reference to American mediation efforts, he said Syria would not given in to what he termed "intimidation or persuasion".

General Assad said: "Due to current conditions in the region and the incessant threats from a greedy enemy claiming our lands, it seems that a defence build-up is of extreme importance for the defence of our homeland and nation.

"The numbers of our armed forces have increased and equipment has improved . . . and this will, in all likelihood, continue — both qualitatively and quantitatively."

General Assad returned from a visit to the Soviet Union last month with a promise of increased Soviet military and economic aid.—UPI.

Moshe Brilliant writes from Tel Aviv: Israel claimed today that Syrian-controlled Saiqa guerrillas were operating 100 miles from the Israel border in violation of an agreement which ended the fighting in southern Lebanon last year.

Professor Yigal Yadin, acting Defence Minister, said in the Knesset that the Government was dealing with the intrusion "in the appropriate manner". He gave no details.

Michael Knipe writes from Jerusalem: Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said today that he accepts Security Council resolution 242 which calls for a withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the 1967 war. However, it is clear that there are distinct differences between the Israeli Government and both Egypt and the United States over the interpretation of the resolution.

Mr Begin maintained that there was no contradiction between the terms of resolution 242 and his Government's offer of only limited autonomy for the West Bank. Egypt contends that Israeli withdrawal is required from all territory captured in 1967.

Geneva, March 8.—Mr Alfred Atherton, Assistant Secretary of State, ending a Middle East shuttle which he called "very useful", stopped over in Geneva today on his way back to Washington for a meeting with Prince Saud al Faisal, the Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister —UPI.

Mechanism of lifting UN sanctions on Rhodesia

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Mandatory sanctions, in the form which they exist today, were imposed against Rhodesia on *May 29, 1968*, by a unanimous vote of the Security Council.

The resolution, urging all members of the United Nations "to render moral and material assistance to the people of Southern Rhodesia in their struggle to achieve freedom and independence", incorporated without substantial change the four mandatory provisions—a trade boycott, a ban on investment, dishonouring of Rhodesian passports and withdrawal of air services—proposed in the original draft submitted by Britain.

There was considerable opposition among Conservative MPs to the new sanctions, and it required a severe admonishment from Lord Caradon, Britain's representative at the United Nations, before the Lords finally accepted the Government's sanctions order.

International action has been taken over the years to tighten sanctions and stop up loopholes, but there has always been *one gaping hole in the* net—via South Africa. Pretoria has seen to it that Rhodesia has had the one indispensable commodity to keep its economy running—oil. Recently the United Nations has been examining ways of cutting off this supply.

Lifting sanctions would require a further resolution by the Security Council, the precise form of which cannot at this stage be foreseen. In any event, given all the political uncertainties in reaching a settlement in Rhodesia, it seems unlikely to arise for some time yet.

When such a resolution is put forward, however, it will require nine affirmative votes out of the Security Council total membership of 15, and no negative vote from any of the five permanent members.

In practice, the British Parliament can decide at any time to end sanctions if it so chooses. Many Conservatives are indeed urging this course now.

The sanctions approved by the United Nations are mandatory in the sense of putting an obligation on the member states to carry them out. Breaches are reported to the sanctions committee, and so far as is possible followed up with the countries concerned.

But the sovereignty of Parliament obviously overrides any kind of vote by the United Nations. In the last resort, the Government could end sanctions —or let them lapse next year— and answer whatever objections might be made at the United Nations with the argument that Rhodesia is a British responsibility.

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Arafat opponent dies after Lebanon ambush

Beirut, March 8.—A Palestinian dissident accused of trying to overthrow Mr Yasir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) died today from wounds suffered in an ambush in eastern Lebanon yesterday.

Abu Sayed's death coincided with reports that four guerrillas died when loyalists and dissidents in the largest Palestinian guerrilla group, Al Fatah, clashed near Tyre, in southern Lebanon.

He escaped from Fatah's prison in Beirut last July, and hijacked a Kuwaiti airliner before turning himself over to Syrian authorities.

Guatemala poll recount ordered

Guatemala City, March 8.—The Guatemalan electoral board yesterday ordered a full recount of Sunday's national election results because of widespread allegations of fraud.

With about a third of the votes for President counted, the results were: General Romeo Lucas *Garcia*, a *conservative*, 230,532 votes; Colonel Enrique Peralta Azurdia, a former President and also conservative, 230,020; General Ricardo Peralta Mendez, centre-left Christian Democrat, 166,682. The last demanded a recount. —AP.

Soviet women appeal to the Queen

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, March 8

As the Soviet Union celebrated International Women's Day, a group of 22 Jewish women attempted a public demonstration near the Kremlin today against the Soviet authorities' refusal to grant them exit visas to Israel.

A large group of plainclothes and uniformed police prevented them from getting to the site of their planned protest and some were escorted away.

The women gave copies of their appeal to Western correspondents in which they called on the Queen, Mrs Rosalynn Carter and Queen Juliana of the Netherlands as well as on several Jewish women's organizations to help them in their struggle to emigrate.

They said in their appeal that they had tried to deliver a protest to the Supreme Soviet in October, but were thwarted by being kept under house arrest for several days.

In January they were told by the Soviet visa authorities that their cases would be "carefully reconsidered" a few weeks later, but when they telephoned the visa office they found that nothing had happened.

The promise, they went on, was probably due to the presence of a Soviet delegation in the United States at that time.

Last month it was made clear to them that no case was being reconsidered.

"Thus the Soviet authorities have demonstrated again what women's rights in this country really mean."

They complained of being doomed to a life of uncertainty far from their relatives, and being unable to bring up their children in the Jewish tradition or get jobs according to their qualifications.

The Jewish women were joined by Mrs Irina McClellan, a Russian married to an American professor who has been refused permission to join him in the United States. She has been closely identified with the Jewish emigration movement here.

It became known yesterday that the Soviet authorities have granted permission to Mrs Dina Beilin, a Jewish activist, to emigrate with her husband and two daughter after six years of unsuccessful applications.

Mrs Beilin is a close friend of Mr Anatoly Shcharansky, who has been in prison for almost a year, accused of spying for the United States. His trial is expected to begin soon. Mrs Beilin had been expected to be a defence witness, dissident sources said.

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...om Charles Harrison
...irobi, March 8

The Western Somalia Libera... Front (WSLF) admitted ...day that its forces had with... from Jijiga, the largest ...n they had captured in the ...aden campaign last year. ...iopia announced its recap... ...e of Jijiga at the weekend, ... it was only today that the ...nalis admitted that it had ...nged hands.

...ogadishu radio broadcast ... announcement from the ...LF saying it had withdrawn ...forces from Jijiga and from ...eral smaller centres in the ...har mountains, as a result ...fierce attacks by Soviet and ...an forces which are sup... ...ting the Ethiopian Army in ... area.

...he WSLF said there had ...n hard fighting and great ...truction of property in ...ga and the other centres ... it has now evacuated, ...ch include the village of ...assene, 17 miles north of ...a. It was said by the ...alis at the weekend that ... main attack on Jijiga had ...mounted from Genassene.

...he WSLF said that its ...es would continue the fight ... the mountains and sur... ...ding countryside.

...esident Siad Barre of ...alia addressed a rally in ...adishu yesterday, but gave ...details of the battle situa...

He said the Somali forces ... been pushed back in the ...en by the strength of ...et and Cuban forces, but ... the struggle would con... "until the last man".

...gadishu radio spoke today ...he "unholy alliance" of ...ians and Cubans.

...e Somali announcement of ...loss of Jijiga is a signifi... admission. Observers here ... it indicates that the ...lis have no hope of reco... the ground they have ...lost. They could be admit... the seriousness of their ...tion in order to enhance ... pleas for arms and mili... support from Western and ... countries.

Ethiopian officials said their forces were already pressing beyond Jijiga into the Ogaden plain. One line of advance was reported to be moving towards the border with Somalia.

Rome: Ethiopian troops have recaptured the town of Daghabur, 90 miles south of Jijiga, and are advancing on two fronts towards the Somali border, the Ethiopian Embassy here said today.

It said Ethiopian troops were now pushing towards Kebri Dehar, about 120 miles south of Daghabur along the main road through the Ogaden.

Somalis who fled from the battle were being executed at the border, according to the embassy.

Asked if Cubans were involved in the offensive, the Ethiopian Ambassador said that "mainly Ethiopians are conducting the counter-offensive".

The embassy said that Western powers were shipping sophisticated weapons to Somalia, including West German tanks and French ground-to-air missiles. It also said that Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Iran were airlifting military advisers and combat troops to Mogadishu.—Reuter.

Addis Ababa: A hearse bearing the portrait of Herr Werner Lamberz, the East German official killed on Monday in a helicopter crash outside Tripoli, led a large parade here today marking International Women's Day.

Tens of thousands were in Revolution Square for the Women's Day event. A one minute silence was observed in Herr Lamberz's memory.

Addressing the huge rally, a Cuban representative praised the recent battlefield achievements of Ethiopian forces in the Ogaden.

"We Cubans are very proud to be closely united with all of you in this decisive struggle since we consider it as our own", she said.

Representatives of the Soviet Union and South Yemen also expressed solidarity at the rally.—Agence France-Presse.

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Tribal clashes and social unrest attributed to delays in reaching agreement with West

Namibia's administrator in a hurry for a settlement

From Eric Marsden
Windhoek, March 8

Delays in settling the future of Namibia (South-West Africa) were causing uncertainty among its people and aggravating economic and social problems, Judge Martinus Steyn, the Administrator General, said in an interview with *The Times* today.

He was commenting on the wave of violence in Katutura, a black suburb of Windhoek, which has caused 11 deaths in the past week in clashes between Ovambo tribesmen supporting the South-West Africa Peoples Organization (SWAPO) and Hereros mostly supporting the multiracial Democratic Turnhalle Alliance.

The fighting has spread to other areas, including the Ovambo border region and at least another three deaths have been reported. Police reinforcements from South Africa were sent to Windhoek earlier this week.

A strike of black workers in Windhoek which started on Monday ended today and Katutura was reported to be quiet but tense. Yesterday Judge Steyn went to the township, accompanied only by two bodyguards and one policeman, and called on a crowd of 5,000 to end the violence and the strike.

Though most of the crowd were supporters of Swapo which refuses to recognize the judge's authority, he was given an uninterupted hearing as he warned them that further violence would not be tolerated, and that independence would be achieved by the ballot box and not by the barrel of a gun.

Spokesman for the Ovambos and Hereros accused each other of starting the trouble. An Ovambo leader said that when his people went to private firms seeking work they were told by employers: "Ask Swapo to give you a job."

Judge Steyn told me that the unrest was undoubtedly politically motivated. He did not know whether it was an attempt by Swapo to delay the calling of elections but he added: "I cannot lose sight of Sam Nujoma saying that Swapo is not interested in majority rule and that it is a revolutionary force whose aim is to seize power."

Mr Nujoma, the Swapo leader, made this statement in a television interview in New York which has been given wide coverage in South Africa.

The Administrator General said he had told Mr R. F. Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, of the growing concern of people in Namibia over the delay in reaching agreement with the group of Western nations negotiating on the territory's future. This was holding up an announcement on an election.

"Everybody says there will be an election but nobody knows when, what form it will take, what form of enfranchisement or what registration of voters there will be."

Uncertainty had resulted in unemployment, especially in the private sector, and the abrogation of the pass laws had caused an influx into the towns which had aggravated the economic position.

Judge Steyn said there was common ground between South Africa and the Western nations on a target date of December 31 for an independent Namibia. He added: "We have got to hurry up. There must be an election before then. A decision must be made in a matter of weeks."

The latest deadlock in the negotiations resulted from Mr Botha's decision to leave the New York talks on Namibia three weeks ago and fly home for consultations. He has since told Parliament in Cape Town that he regards it as unlikely that an internationally acceptable solution will be reached.

There is speculation here that plans are being made to go ahead with an internal settlement because of the West's insistence that Swapo must be party to any move towards independence. Swapo's demand for the withdrawal of South African troops and the cession of Walvis Bay by South Africa has created a gulf which is regarded as unbridgeable.

Enlarged Cabinet named for Cyprus

From Our Correspondent
Nicosia, March 8

Eight days after his inauguration for a full five-year term President Kyprianou reshuffled and enlarged the Cabinet he inherited from his predecessor, the late Archbishop Makarios, when he first took over the presidency last September.

Mr Kyprianou replaced four ministers, including Mr John Christofides, who was Foreign Minister, and created three new posts to increase the size of the Cabinet from 10 to 13.

In another innovation Mr Kyprianou appointed four of the leading personalities of his centre-right Democratic Party to the Cabinet, breaking the 17-year tradition of President Makarios whose Cabinets were made up of technocrats or non-political personalities.

The new Foreign Minister is Mr Nicos Rolandis, a company director from Nicosia, who has no previous experience either in government or foreign affairs. As the chairman of the finance committee of the Democratic Party, he was responsible for its organization after the party's creation early in 1976.

The new Cabinet is as follows:

President: Spyros Kyprianou
Finance: Andreas Patsalides
Interior and Defence: Chrystodoulos Benjamin
Education: Chrysostomos Sofianos
Health: Dr Andreas Mikellides
Minister to the Presidency: George Joannides
Agriculture and Natural Resources: George Tombazos
Foreign Affairs: Nicos Rolandis
Commerce and Industry: Andreas Papageorghiou
Communications and Works: Marios Eliades
Justice: Petros Michaelides
Labour and Social Insurance: Emilios Theodoulou

UN help on Chile

Geneva, March 8.—The 32-nation Human Rights Commission is considering setting up a United Nations trust fund, supported by voluntary contributions, to help Chilean political prisoners or exiles and their families.

Peking overture to improve Sino-Indian relations

From Richard Wigg
Delhi, March 8

Mr A. B. Vajpayee, India's External Affairs Minister, has been invited to visit China by Mr Wang Pin-nan, the head of a Chinese good-will mission when they met here today, a ministry spokesman said. Mr Vajpayee had accepted in principle, he added.

Mr Wang, a former close associate of the late Chou En-lai, is leading a 12-member mission on a fortnight's visit to this country. Though described as unofficial, it represents the first high level political encounter between the two countries since their 1962 border war.

Mr Vajpayee appears to have reacted with the caution he has shown in recent months to a succession of Chinese feelers. None the less, these feelers have of late shown a growing urgency through their substance remained non-committal.

The Indian minister is understood to have told Mr Wang during their 40-minute private meeting that the visit could take place "after due and careful preparation".

The Janata Government's foreign policy during the past year has produced a well concerted effort to improve India's relations with all its neighbours without exception. But Indian reactions have always sounded cooler whenever the Chinese are mentioned.

Behind this lies, partly, the inevitable rivalry between the two Asian giants; but Mr Vajpayee has frequently also emphasized that the first prerequisite for the normalization of Sino-Indian relations must be a willingness on the part of China to hold talks on the unresolved border issue.

While the Chinese side at the talks appears to have expressed the view the time was ripe for the visit, Mr Vajpayee referred to the fact India's elected Government must take account of public opinion.

Mindful of Moscow's suspicions whenever there is talk of normalizing Sino-Indian relations, Mr Vajpayee emphasized to Mr Wang that improved bilateral relations could not be developed at the cost of relations with third countries.

FAO seeks aid for hungry of Sahel region

Rome, March 8.—Some seven million people are suffering from malnutrition in Africa's Sahel desert region, Mr Edouard Saouma, the director-general of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said today.

The hunger in some of the region's eight countries was as bad as during the great drought there in 1973, Mr Saouma said.

"The tragedy of the Sahel threatens to become endemic unless a major recovery effort is made", he told a press conference after returning from a visit to four of the affected countries.

He appealed for more aid from richer nations, which, he said, had in the past five years given only $500m (£250m) out of an estimated long-term need of $7,500m.

The Sahel this year needed at least 457,000 tonnes of food but the amount so far pledged still left a shortfall of 180,000 tonnes.

Mr Saouma said the Sahel was a tragic illustration of th lack of any world-wide food security system.

Afghan President pleased with Pakistan visit

From Our Correspondent
Islamabad, March 8

President Muhammad Daoud of Afghanistan ended a four-day visit to Pakistan today with only one contentious political issue outstanding between the two countries—the demand for the establishment of an independent Pathan state on the frontiers of the two countries.

At a press conference before this departure President Daoud was optimistic about the development of future relations and warm in his feelings towards Pakistan.

He said his talks with General Zia, the chief martial law administrator, had been a step forward as had been his previous meeting with him last October in Kabul.

General Zia, speaking later to reporters, described the talks as a "leap forward". He appeared to attribute their success partly to the Afghan President's meeting with political leaders of North-West Frontier Province and Baluchistan who had suffered long imprisonment when Mr Bhutto was Prime Minister. NWFP and Baluchi leaders are geenrally favourable to Afghanistan and, in turn, receive Kabul's favours in political terms.

President Daoud rejected the idea of joining a regional cooperation development pact with Pakistan, Iran and Turkey, saying Afghanistan adhered to its non-aligned foreign policy. But he agreed to the establishment of a joint ministerial economic commission with Pakistan.

General Zia told reporters that the trial of Mr Bhutto on charges of corruption would begin before a tribunal in prison on Saturday. He said it was necessary to hold the trial in jail for security reasons. Altogether 2,400 men had had to be deployed every time Mr Bhutto had been conducted from jail to the High Court in Lahore for trial on a separate charge of murder.

Rawalpindi, March 8.—The police made mass arrests of followers of Mr Bhutto in Lahore today, according to reliable sources. Some estimates put the arrests at over 100.—Reuter.

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...Our Correspondent
...bi, March 8

...ndan and Kenyan ...ters and officials met in ...bi today to discuss closer ...ration between the two ...ries, to replace the frame... of the East African Com... ...y which collapsed last ...

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...de Janeiro, March 8.— ...rince of Wales arrived ...arly today for an eight... ...ficial visit to Brazil.

...as greeted at the airport ...dmiral Floriano Faria ... the state governor, and ...forman Statham, the ... Ambassador, but only a ...ople turned out on the ...

...en called on Dr Marcus ..., Mayor of Rio de ..., at his office, which ...formerly the British ...y when the city was the ... of Brazil.

Prince Charles laid a ... at the monument to ...n troops who died ... alongside the Allies in ...cond World War, and ...ed a Marine guard of ... at the monument, which ...ks Guanabara Bay.

...en went to the ambassa... ...esidence and presented ...ions to British business... ...d Brazilians who have ... for British concerns.

... in Brazil he will visit ...Paulo, the industrial ... and Brasilia, the ... capital, where he will ...resident Geisel, and the ... city of Manaus.—

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Japan wants China peace treaty without delay

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, March 8

After five years of delay, Japan now wants to conclude a peace and friendship treaty with China "as soon as possible", Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Japanese Prime Minister, declared today.

Mr Fukuda, who was briefing Mr Junya Yano, the secretary-general of the Komeito (Clean Government Party) on Japan's new policy towards China, asked the Opposition leader to convey his sentiments to the Peking leadership. Mr Yano will leave for Peking tomorrow.

Mr Yano, who met both Mr Fukuda and Mr Sunao Sonoda, the Foreign Minister, at the Prime Minister's residence this morning, is expected to act as a special emissary of the Japanese Government.

Reflecting the broad support of all six of Japan's main political parties, from conservatives to Communists, for the proposed treaty, Mr Yano told journalists after the meeting that he would do his utmost to speed up the negotiations with China.

Negotiations on the proposed peace treaty, suspended in September, 1975, were resumed in Peking at diplomatic level recently.

The talks broke down over two years ago when the Chinese leadership of the day insisted that the proposed treaty must include a so-called "anti-hegemony clause"—an indirect thrust at the Soviet Union's attempts to carve out a sphere of influence in Asia.

Mr Fukuda's message to the Chinese leadership today gave a most direct and forceful indication that Japan is now willing to go ahead in spite of a new spate of attacks from the Soviet Union this week.

Senior Soviet diplomats have been assured by Japanese officials that the controversial "anti-hegemony clause" would not be directed at any particular country, a government spokesman said today.

However, the Soviet diplomats insisted that China has inserted the clause in the draft treaty in order to embarrass Moscow.

The Komeito leader refused to be drawn on whether Japan will now sign a treaty which will contain the "anti hegemony clause".

A spokesman for hte Japanese Government today paid tribute to the leadership of Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, which has been endorsed by the fifth National People's Congress.

Mr Teng elected to head secondary institution

Peking, March 8.—Vice-Chairman Teng Hsiao-ping was elected head of the Chinese People's political Consultative Conference, the New China news agency said today.

His election gives greater credibility to the reactivation of the conference which has not functioned for 13 years. It also allows Mr Teng to take over one of the functions of the late Chou En-lai even though he has not become Prime Minister, observers said.

Mr Teng, who is 74, was elected chairman of the conference's standing committee by its national committee which began sitting on February 24 and closed today.

Diplomats in Peking see the appointment as a consolation prize. A man of Mr Teng's stature could have hoped for better than to head a virtually lifeless institution such as the consultative conference whose greatest role throughout its existence was to proclaim the founding of the People's Republic in 1949, observers said.

Mr Teng's election to such a relatively unimportant post would not go unnoticed by his numerous admirers throughout the country. he decision of the National People's Congress to keep Mr Teng in the position of Deputy Prime Minister, even if he is at the top of the list, caused disappointment to many Chinese in Peking and they have not hidden it in conversations with foreigners.

However, the election of the popular Mr Teng to head the "National United Front" of the democratic and progressive parties led by the Communist Party, does make the symbolism of national unity come alive, the observers said.

This was not without importance at a time when Chairman Hua Kuo-feng was seeking to mobilize all the forces in the country to build China into a "powerful modern state" by the year 2000.—Agence France-Presse.

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...quiry into Chilean exile's death

...lorencia Varas
..., March 8

...hilean Government is ... problem arising from ...tigation of alleged par... ...n of two Chileans in the ...ation in Washington in ...er, 1976, of Señor ... Letelier, a Chilean ...ho was successively ... of Defence and Foreign ... under the late Presi... ...ende.

Juana Gonzalez, who is ...ng the investigation re... by the court of the Dis... ...olumbia, has asked the ... armed forces to estab... ..., are "Juan Williams ...nd "Alejandro Rom... These are the names used by people supposed to have travelled to the United States on official passports.

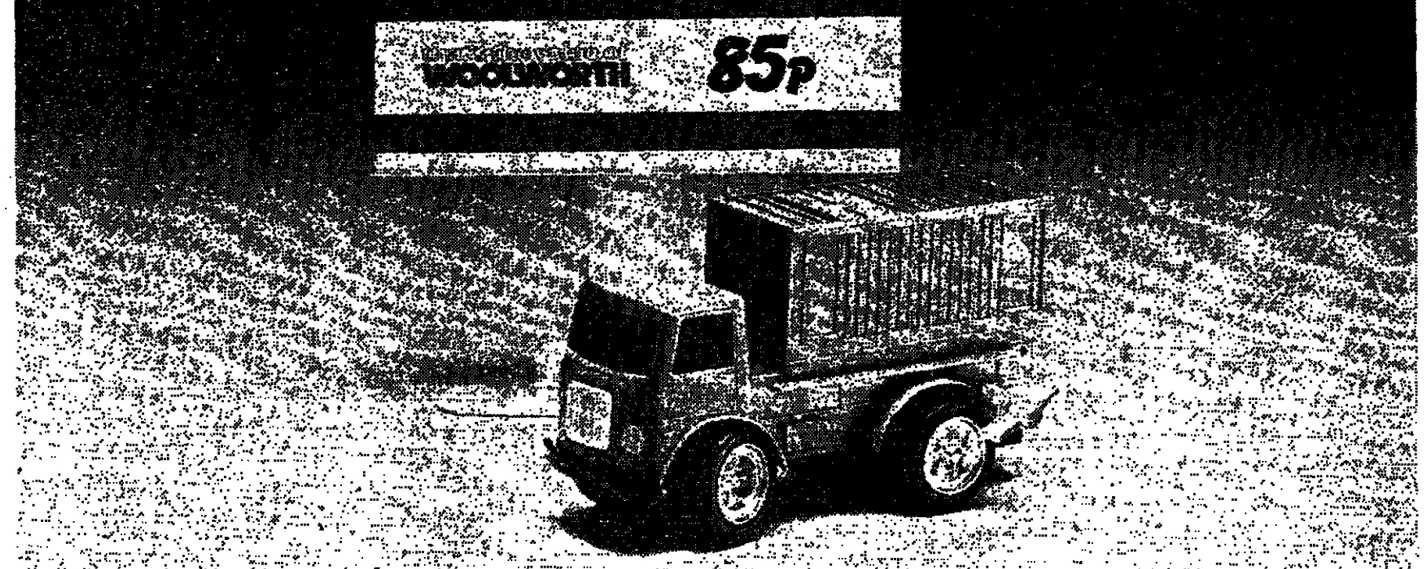
Chilean newspapers speculate on the possibility that "Juan Williams Rose" could be an American citizen, who in March, 1973, was involved in operations against the Allende Government, and was connected with the right-wing movement Patria y Libertad. His activities after that date are unknown. Leaders of Patria y Libertad claim that he is a CIA man.

The American's wife has said that he was in Chile when Señor Letelier was murdered, and affirms that he is not "Juan Williams Rose".

Judge Juana Gonzalez has been requested to find and question the two men in the presence of the fiscal of the court of the District of Columbia.

One of the people who could estblished their real identity, Señor Guillermo Osorio, director of the consular department, committed suicide last October. Some time after his death, his body was exhumed and an autopsy was carried out. The results have not been published. Señor Marcos Libidensky, a minister, has been appointed by the [illegible] to

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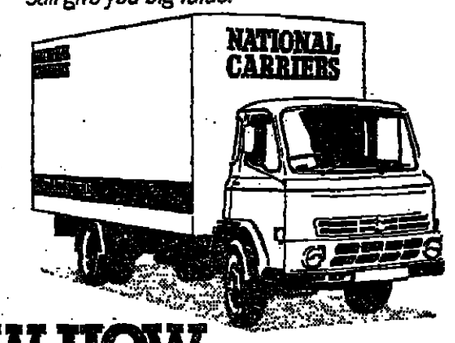
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Court of Appeal

No compensation for job lost through change of policy by new council

Mallett v Restormel Borough Council

Before Lord Diplock, Lord Russell of Killowen and Lord Scarman

[Judgment delivered February 28]

Where a new local authority established under the Local Government Act, 1972, changes the policy of an old authority which it has replaced and as a result an employee loses his job, the loss of the job is not "attributable" to the operation of the Act so as to entitle the employee to compensation for loss of employment under section 259 (1).

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by Restormel Borough Council from Mr Justice Griffiths ([1977] ICR 987) who allowed an appeal by Mr Denis Henry Mallett against the dismissal by an industrial tribunal in Truro of his application for compensation for loss of his employment as manager of St Mawgan's airport under section 259 (1) and the Local Government (Compensation) Regulations, 1974, which provide for compensation for such loss "attributable" to any provision of the Act or instrument made under it.

Mr Swinton Thomas, QC, and Mr Bruce Mauleverer for the council; Mr John Bowyer for Mr Mallett.

LORD SCARMAN, delivering the judgment of the court, said that Mr Mallett was an airport manager employed by Newquay Urban District Council. In April, 1974, on the reorganization of local government areas under the Local Government Act, 1972, Restormel council succeeded Newquay council as the local authority for the Newquay district. By previous agreement with Mr Mallett Restormel council also became his employer. Later that year, for reasons connected with the difficulties and expenses of fuel supplies to the airport, the council decided that it could no longer run the airport economically and made an agency agreement with British Midland Airways under which the airways would manage the airport and pay rent to the council. Mr Mallett's post therefore became redundant, and he applied to the industrial tribunal for compensation for loss of employment.

The tribunal accepted that it was likely that Newquay council would have continued to run the airport and that Mr Mallett would have remained as manager. The question raised by the appeal was whether his loss of employment was "attributable" to the Local Government Act whereby Newquay council had been replaced by Restormel council. The tribunal thought that the change in policy by the council was not attributable to the Act and pointed out that it was free to continue to run the airport or enter into the agency agreement and that the Act had *not affected the decision one way* or the other. Mr Justice Griffiths held that it was sufficient in law for Mr Mallet to show that the disappearance of Newquay council was at least a cause of his loss of employment and that it was relevant to consider what it would have done.

It would be strange if Parliament had intended that compensation under the Act was to be determined by so hypothetical a question as one relating to what an old council would have done had it not ceased to exist or that an industrial tribunal should have to concern itself with evidence which could well prove to be political in character as well as hypothetical.

The correct approach to the question of attributability under section 259(1) was that adopted by the tribunal. A decision on how to run the airport had to be taken whichever authority, the old or the new, was then responsible. The need to take the decision arose not from the reorganization of local government effected by the Act but from an administrative problem. The decision which was made and which resulted in the loss of employment was not made in order to meet or to adjust to any provisions of the Act or instrument made under it, and it was not possible therefore to say that the loss of employment was attributable to the Act.

Compensation was payable under *section 259(1) only* if an applicant could prove that the Act or instrument made under it contributed to the existence of the situation which resulted in his loss of employment, as where an employee of an old authority was not offered reemployment by the new authority. Such loss arose because the Act provided that his old employer should cease to exist and the new authority did not employ him. But where an applicant was offered and accepted the continuance of his employment by the new authority it would not often happen that a subsequent loss of employment would be attributable to the Act although such cases could arise. Mr Mallett lost his employment for reasons unconnected with the Act. The appeal would be allowed with costs.

Leave to appeal was refused.

Solicitors: Sharpe, Pritchard & Co for Mr Ewart Pate, St Austell; Miss Penelope Grant.

Chancery Division

No tax allowance for case on way to work

Sargent (Inspector of Taxes) v Barnes

Before Mr Justice Oliver

[Judgment delivered March 2]

No part of the daily travelling expenses incurred by a dental surgeon who drives from his home to his dental laboratory and on to his surgery is allowable as a deduction in computing his annual profits for tax purposes.

His Lordship allowed an appeal by the Crown from general commissioners who had allowed a claim by the taxpayer, Mr Peter A. Barnes, that £160, being the annual cost of his twice daily journey between his laboratory and surgery, was an allowable deduction for income tax purposes.

Mr Brian Davenport for the Crown; Mr Peter Trevett for the taxpayer.

MR JUSTICE OLIVER said that the taxpayer lived two miles from Cheltenham and travelled by car each day to his surgery—a distance of some 10 miles. On the way, both morning and evening, he stopped at his laboratory, about a mile from his home, to collect dentures and to discuss work with a dental technician who worked there.

The commissioners, in reaching their conclusion that the cost of journeys between the laboratory and the surgery were deductible, said: "It is absolutely necessary for the *respondent* to travel back and forth from his laboratory in Cheltenham, in order to enable him to carry on his profession as a dentist and, accordingly, we decided that the expenditure in respect of the travelling expenses as claimed, namely £160, is an allowable expenditure."

The Crown submitted that in so finding they applied the wrong test: section 130 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act, 1970, provided that "no sum shall be deducted in respect of—(a) any disbursement or expenses, not being money wholly and exclusively laid out or expended for the purposes of the trade, profession or vocation".

"Necessity" in incurring the *expense was not, Mr Davenport* said, a relevant factor; expenditure exclusively laid out for professional purposes was not disqualified because it had not been strictly necessary to incur it: see *Bentleys, Stokes & Lowless v Beeson* ([1952] 2 All ER 82).

The question was whether, on the facts, the commissioners could have found that the expenditure was exclusively incurred for the purposes of the taxpayer's profession. In *Newsom v Robertson* ([1953] Ch 7) a professional man's journey between home and work was held not to have been incurred exclusively for the purposes of his profession, notwithstanding that he chose to do part of his work at home.

Mr Trevett submitted, however, that that case was different; that in effect the taxpayer here had two places of work, the laboratory and the surgery, and he was claiming the cost of travel between those two places. Further, he said *Horton v Young* ([1972]) Ch 157) was in his favour on that point. But it was questionable whether *Horton v Young* did establish that the expense of travel between two places of business was always and inevitably allowable and, in any event, the findings of fact did not justify the assertion that the present taxpayer was really carrying on his profession in two places. What the taxpayer was doing was calling to deliver and pick up work on his way between home and his surgery.

The statute directed the court to look at the purpose for which the expense was incurred and that involved considering the intention behind a particular expenditure which must depend in every case on its own facts. The stone which killed two birds might be aimed at one and kill another as a fortuitous consequence: or it might be aimed at both. It was only in the former case that the statute permitted a deduction of the cost.

Clearly the expenditure was incurred, if not exclusively, at least in part for the purpose of enabling the taxpayer to get from home to his work. The fact that it served the purpose also of enabling him to stop at an intermediate point to carry out an activity exclusively referable to his profession could not convert a dual purpose into the single purpose that the section required. It could not be said that his journey assumed a different purpose once that intermediate point had been passed.

The commissioners had come to *the wrong conclusion; the* expenses claimed were not incurred wholly and exclusively for the purpose of the taxpayer's practice and the appeal must be allowed.

The Crown did not ask for costs.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Watterson, Todman & Co, Cheltenham.

Warning to solicitors

Ramage-Gibson v Radcliff

Solicitors were warned by Mr Justice Brightman in the Chancery Division that it was their duty, and also the duty of litigants, to be ready for trial within 28 days of setting down unless application is made for a date to be fixed. An application to delay trial had been referred to his Lordship by the clerk of the lists and he had adjourned the matter for evidence.

His Lordship said that there was a prevalent misapprehension in regard to the setting down of a case in the witness list in the Chancery Division. Unless a fixed date was sought, an action was liable to appear in the warned list 28 days after setting down. It could not be too strongly stressed that there was an obligation on litigants and solicitors to be ready for trial within 28 days, and if that obligation was disregarded *the public did not receive the* service to which they were entitled from the legal profession, the efficient listing of cases was hindered, time was wasted if a vacant place could not be filled, other litigants who wanted their cases heard were prejudiced, and administrative standards that were sought to be maintained in the High Court were lowered.

The present action appeared in the warned list on January 26. On that day the London agents of the plaintiff's solicitors wrote to the clerk of the lists asking that it be stood out until the end of March. The defendant's solicitors agreed since the case was not ready. The plaintiff's solicitors had a good excuse for part of the delay. They were wrong, however, in thinking that all that needed to be done was to lodge consent and the hearing would be automatically delayed. The defendant's solicitors had been under the same misapprehension.

Practice Direction No 26 of 1974 ([1975] 1 WLR 75) provided that if an action was not ready by the date it was called on for trial it would be put at the bottom of the list unless the judge directed otherwise. That would be unfair to the present litigants because the solicitors' unreadiness *was not* the fault of their clients. His Lordship would therefore grant the unopposed application to defer the hearing but would disallow all the plaintiff's costs of the application as between solicitor and their client pursuant to Order 62, rule 8. The defendant's costs would be costs in cause.

When a Fragonard copy looks just too good to be true

Geraldine Norman concludes her investigation of the Fragonard drawings which are exact copies.

One of the major problems to contend with in the matter of fake old master drawings is the difficulty of finding 100 per cent proof that a drawing is a fake. Most collectors, museums or dealers are convinced if a number of different factors point in the same direction.

The first is, of course, the opinion of knowledgeable connoisseurs. Then there is the matter of paper and ink; it is perfectly possible for a faker to find eighteenth-century paper to work on and to make bistre ink in the traditional manner (by boiling soot and filtering it). Many of the drawings discussed here are on machine-laid paper; this has been accepted by those involved to show that the drawing is a fake although this method of papermaking was introduced at the end of Fragonard's lifetime. Study of the ink has only just begun but indications of how the faker's ink differs from that used by Fragonard are beginning to emerge.

Other indications that a drawing may be spurious include its bearing a fake collector's mark or fake inscription; these could, of course, have been added to a genuine drawing but they obviously bring the drawing under suspicion.

It is over this type of issue that a lawsuit in France over a Fragonard-style drawing, believed to belong to the group discussed in *The Times* yesterday, is being argued. It would be improper, in view of the case, to give more than the bare outline of the problem. The drawing entitled *Le coucher des ouvrières en mode* was purchased by a South American collector from M Higgons' a Paris dealer; the collector's widow sued M Higgons for selling him a fake in the early 1970s. The judgment having gone against M Higgons in the *Tribunal* and *Appel*, he is now taking it up to the *Cour de Cassation*, alleging that responsibility lies with those who supplied him with the drawing.

The drawing is included in volume four of M Ananoff's catalogue (published 1970) without any indication whether he has seen it or whether he considers it genuine. The provenance cited is "Coll. Rahir, Paris" and "chez un marchand parisien, vers 1958". He also notes that the drawing was reproduced to illustrate an article which he himself contributed to *Le Jardin des Arts* in July, 1957. But he describes it as reproduced "par l'editeur"; this seems to indicate that the selection of reproductions was made by the editor of the magazine rather than himself.

A drawing entitled *Les lavandières de Toulon* has also been returned to the Paris dealer from whom it was purchased. It was acquired in the 1960s by an American collector, who, feeling unhappy with it, consigned it to the Fogg Museum in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for study. They demonstrated that it was not authentic, to the satisfaction of both owner and Paris dealer.

The drawing is catalogued and illustrated in the third volume of M Ananoff's catalogue. He adds an enthusiastic comment: "Oeuvre d'une exécution vive, animée de figures dont les détails vus à la loupe, nous réjouissent par leur maitrise et la spontanéité du pinceau."

The Montreal Museum has had a similar problem with a drawing entitled *Le Petit Concert*. This appears in the first volume of M Ananoff's catalogue as the property of "M et Mme Higgons, Paris". Montreal purchased it in the early 1960s from Mr Robert Light, a leading American dealer. Some years later the museum began to have doubts; it was submitted to the National Gallery, Ottawa, for scientific study.

Again, the drawing was shown to be on machine-laid paper. The ink was of the same type as the Ottawa drawing discussed yesterday, of a curious gummy consistency with a high percentage of animal gelatine. Mr Light was not initially convinced that he had erred; he showed the drawing of two leading drawing experts, Agnes Mongan and Frits Lugt. The number of doubts convinced him and he took the drawing back, repaying the purchase price to Montreal.

The genuine version of this drawing was in the Camille Groult collection and was auctioned in Paris last month for 140,000 francs. M Ananoff lists the Groult drawing in his second volume (1963) as a copy of the Montreal drawing.

In his fourth volume he corrects himself stating that he has now seen the second version and that it is not a copy but a genuine work. He explains that his original cataloguing had been based on a "document . . . assurément faux". He explained to me last week that what he had meant by this was probably a very bad photograph. The whole mistake was an oversight due to working through many drawings in a hurry; he had visited the Groult collection in the 1950s and made an inventory for his catalogue. Indeed one of his first publications on Fragonard, an article in *Connaissance des Arts* in 1957 entitled "Trois dessins inédits", concerns drawings from the Groult collection.

His fourth volume also includes a note saying that he has had the opportunity to look again at the Montreal drawing and suggests that it had faded and then been reworked by another hand. He told me last week that Mr Light had asked his opinion on the drawing when Montreal were unhappy with it. Mr Ananoff said that he had recognized immediately that it was not authentic but felt, since the connoisseurship of three dealers and one museum curator were involved, it was more diplomatic to suggest that the drawing was in very poor condition.

Next can be cited two drawings acquired by Mr Eugene Thaw, the leading New York dealer in old masters. He has been exceptionally generous in allowing the drawings, which he realized were not authentic some years ago, to be studied.

The first appears in volume one of M Ananoff's catalogue with no indication as to whether he considers it genuine. It is entitled *Jeune fille étendue dans un jardin*; it bears the faked mark of Charles Gasc, a mid-nineteenth-century collector. If one consults Frits Lugt's excellent guide to collector's marks one is informed that Gasc had the habit of annotating the back of his drawings with the name of the artist, his dates, the names of his teachers, the dimensions of the drawing and the circumstances under which he acquired it. On the back of Thaw's drawing is inscribed: "Fragonard (Honoré), né à Grasse en 1732, mort en 1806. Dessin achêté à Paris en 1857. H=0,291—L=0,362."

The drawing was consigned to Sotheby's for sale by M Ananoff himself in 1961; he had no memory of the drawing when I queried it with him last week, but explained that he had from time to time put drawings into London auctions on behalf of clients. It sold for £1,100 to the Schaeffer Galleries of New York. Mr Thaw acquired it from them. There is a sanguine drawing of the identical composition in the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York from which the fake was presumably copied.

The second drawing is a landscape entitled *Les Cascatelles* which appears in volume two of M Ananoff's catalogue, where it is described as belonging to a "collection particulière, Paris". Three genuine versions of the composition are known and a careful comparison seems to indicate that the fake is based on the sanguine version in the Musée de Besançon.

The drawing was purchased by Mr Thaw around 1960 from the Hallsborough Gallery in London, which has now closed down. A former director of the gallery has told me that the drawing was purchased by them in Paris from a small dealer "for almost nothing". Mr Thaw remembers being told by the Hallsborough at the time that it was to be included in M Ananoff's forthcoming catalogue. Scientific tests have shown that the drawing is not authentic, as well as demonstrating that it has been artificially "aged".

Since the Gasc collector's mark on Mr Thaw's *Jeune fille étendue dans un jardin* is faked, it is arguable that the inscription on the back, supposedly in Gasc's hand, is also faked. This helps to confirm that another drawing, already suspected on stylistic grounds, falls into this group. This is entitled *Marguerite Gérard faisant la lecture* and now belongs to the Art Institute of Chicago.

It is catalogued in M Ananoff's volume two. On the back of the drawing is a long inscription signed by one A. de Gourmont, describing how he purchased the drawing from the mid-nineteenth-century Viennese art expert Georg Plach: "Nous avons acheté ce très beau dessin de Jean Honoré Fragonard, peintre de l'Académie Royale, au sieur Plach pour la somme de trois mille francs. Selon cet expert, il représenterait Mademoiselle Gérard, peintre, faisant la lecture à sa mère et à Rosalie Fragonard, fille de l'artiste.

"Ce dessin a fait partie des Cabinets du Comte de Choiseul-Gouffier, puis de celui de M de Talleyrand-Périgord."

A photograph of this inscription kindly provided by the Art Institute of Chicago, and another of the inscription's supposedly in the hand of Charles Gasc on the back of Mr Thaw's drawing, have been studied by a handwriting expert in Paris who has unequivocally concluded that the same writer was responsible for both inscriptions.

M Ananoff appends an enthusiastic observation of his own to his catalogue entry for this drawing: "Ce dessin capital, que nous considérons comme un chef-d'oeuvre du maître, est traité avec une liberté, un precieux et une tendresse de lavis des plus séduisants." As far as I have been able to ascertain, no collector called A. de Gourmont appears to be recorded.

M Ananoff in fact put two Fragonard drawings into Sotheby's May, 1961, sale, Mr Thaw's *Jeune fille étendue* and another entitled *Le sacrifice au minotaure*. The latter sold for £5,500. M Ananoff's catalogue records the existence of two other versions of this composition but singles out the version which he put into Sotheby's for a comment: "Fougeuse esquisse pour le tableau du même nom."

One Paris dealer had, by the early 1970s, had more than one Fragonard drawing returned to him as fake. He decided that one which he had not sold had better be checked out and sent it to the Fogg Museum in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for study.

It is entitled *Intérieur d'un jardin à l'italienne* and is listed in the third volume of M Ananoff's catalogue. The Fogg Museum concluded on stylistic grounds that it was not genuine; further, it bears the mid-nineteenth-century collector's mark of A. P. E. Gasc, which the museum demonstrated to be faked by studying photographic enlargements of both the genuine and the fake A. P. E. Gasc marks.

M Ananoff accords it a lengthy and distinguishing entry in his catalogue. He records it as having belonged to three other eighteenth-century and nineteenth-century collections besides that of Gasc, on the basis of auction catalogues; he quotes the auction catalogue descriptions, which could each well apply to other drawings.

In addition he appends a lengthy comment: "La technique très particulière, de même que la grande liberté d'exécution, nous permettent de considérer la présente composition comme une première pensée exécutée d'après nature, en vue d'une oeuvre plus finie, plus poussée, peinte ou dessinée."

Ananoff also notes that the *drawing* is mentioned in the weighty tome *Fragonard, sa vie et son oeuvre* by Baron Roger Portalis, published in 1889. This was the main work of reference on Fragonard's drawings before Ananoff began to publish his own catalogue in 1961. On the face of it this would appear to rule out the possibility of the drawing being a modern fake.

However, when one consults Portalis at page 303 as instructed, one finds that he merely records that a drawing entitled *Intérieur d'un jardin à l'italienne* was included in the Basan sale of December, 1798. This is the first entry in the provenance provided for the drawing by Ananoff; he quotes the description of the drawing which appeared in the sale catalogue: "Intérieur d'un jardin à l'italienne occupé par un escalier double, surmonté d'une cascade entourée de peupliers, des masses d'arbres occupent le surplus de la composition et des figures ornent le devant, au bistre sur papier blanc, H 13p—L 18p."

To my eye, the drawing which Ananoff reproduces shows a single staircase, while there is no cascade amongst the poplars at the centre of the composition. In any case, Fragonard sketched innumerable Italian gardens in the course of his two lengthy visits to Italy, showing a special penchant for staircases, cascades and poplars. The description could fit other drawings equally well, if not better.

When I queried this drawing with M Ananoff last week he agreed that he had been mistaken, that the drawing which he had illustrated in his catalogue was not authentic. However, he had now found a genuine version of the composition which belongs to a French collector living in London and of which he gave me a photograph. To me, no expert, it looks very good.

But there are further puzzles over this particular *Jardin* when one consults Ananoff volume four. He says that the first version, the one studied and rejected by the Fogg, has been destroyed by fire. In fact, it is still owned by the same Paris dealer.

The second version, of which M Ananoff gave me a photograph, appears in this volume (though it is not reproduced) under the title *Vue prise dans un parc d'une villa italienne*. There is no reference to the fact that the composition is identical to the first version, reproduced in volume three.

The difficulties inherent in connecting a specific drawing with an eighteenth-century description are well illustrated in the case of another composition, *L'Education du chien*. Ananoff's volume two lists four versions of this composition. Portalis in 1889 had referred to one; on this occasion also he alluded merely to an eighteenth-century auction. A drawing of this subject had been included in the 1792 sale of the engraver Delaunay's collection.

M Ananoff's catalogue confuses the issue; the first version listed he describes as *possibly* that referred to by Portalis and *possibly* from the Delaunay collection, the second as *certainly* that referred to by Portalis and *certainly* that from the Delaunay collection. For the third and fourth he admits no possibility of a connexion with Portalis' reference to Delaunay.

My researches have demonstrated no clear proof that either the first or second version existed before 1959 and 1966 respectively; the first was purchased by the Wrightsmans in 1959 and has been donated to the Metropolitan Museum in New York; the second was in a Palais Galliera sale in Paris in December, 1966.

The third version, however, was exhibited in Paris in 1921 and 1931 and is considered genuine by other Fragonard experts; the fourth is much damaged but on paper with an eighteenth-century watermark and was recorded in the David Weill collection in 1928. It is now in the Fogg Museum, Boston, where it is considered an eighteenth-century copy, possibly by Delaunay.

The first version is included in the published catalogue of the Wrightsman collection where it was carefully and most circumspectly described by Mr Everett Fahy, now director of the Frick collection. He points out that the signature "Fragonard" which appears on a bench in the lower left-hand corner is in brown wash "different in hue from that of the drawing". He also investigates M Ananoff's claims that it featured in the de Clesne collection sale of 1786 and (possibly) the Delaunay sale of 1792 and concludes: "Until more is known about the past histories of the different replicas, it will be impossible to determine which of them belonged to de Clesne and which to Delaunay."

At the time of writing the Wrightsman catalogue he was more impressed by the fact that the drawing bears the collector's mark of Marius Paulme, a noted dealer and collector (born 1863). This mark, however, has been faked on other drawings; stylistically the Wrightsman drawing could well belong to the group of recent imitations discussed in this article. Mrs Wrightsman has expressed a hope that the Metropolitan Museum will be able to investigate the matter further.

It is, perhaps, worth summarizing the evidence of collector's marks being faked that has so far been cited. The version of *La Confidence* owned, but considered a fake, by the National Gallery of Canada, bears the marks of Vivant-Denon and Georg Plach; Eugene Thaw's *Jeune femme étendue* bears the mark of Charles Gasc; *Intérieur d'un jardin à l'italienne* bears the mark of A. P. E. Gasc, the brother of Charles.

The collector's marks on two further drawings have been studied by a Paris handwriting expert and found not to coincide with genuine marks. The Vivant-Denon mark on a portrait drawing of *Mlle Vignier*, now in the Art Institute of Chicago, was compared with the Vivant-Denon mark published in Frits Lugt's handbook and found not to coincide. A drawing entitled *Tête d'homme* which was included in a Palais Galliera auction in December, 1961, bears the mark of Marius Paulme; this was compared with the mark on a drawing which had figured in the sale of Paulme's collection in 1929. They did not coincide.

These two drawings, not previously mentioned, both bear the inscription "Rome 1774", and this inscription was also studied by the Paris handwriting expert. Fragonard was certainly in Rome at this date and she was provided for comparison with photographs of similar inscriptions on 11 other drawings generally considered genuine. She concluded that the inscription "Rome 1774" on all these 11 drawings had been written by the same hand; the inscription "Rome 1774" on *Mlle Vignier* and *Tête d'homme* was not in the same hand as the other 11 but both inscriptions had been written by the same person. This person had also written "Rome 1774" on a drawing entitled *La servante de Fragonard* which was included in a Palais Galliera auction in March, 1961.

The fact that M Ananoff was researching and publishing his catalogue over the period that these drawings appeared on the market has been most unfortunate for him. Inevitably his vast publication, an invaluable record of the genuine *oeuvre* of Fragonard, has been the subject of criticism and controversy, on account of the very accomplished fakes which he has accepted as genuine. He complained to me last week of his many enemies who make criticisms behind his back but are not prepared to come in and discuss drawings with him in person.

M Ananoff, who is now 70, is of Russian extraction. From the 1930s until the 1950s he was employed as an editor by Larousse. At this time he evinced a strong amateur interest in rocket propulsion and space travel. In the late 1930s he helped to found a group known as the "Cercle Astronautique", an informal grouping of French and German scientists interested in this area. M Ananoff was self-taught as a scientist and as an art historian.

His interest in Fragonard dates from the early 1950s. He made contact with many dealers and scholars announcing his intention to prepare a catalogue of Fragonard's drawings and seeking their help with documentation.

He began to publish articles on Fragonard some years before the first volume of his *catalogue raisonné* appeared. The first I have traced was in *Connaissance des Arts* in 1956. It was entitled "Des révélations sensationelles". The single page of text is in the form of an interview with questions and answers.

The article is subtitled: "On a enfin la preuve que Fragonard faisait des copies, trait pour trait, de ses propres dessins." This is the most "sensational" revelation. It is admitted in a single question and answer without explanation or justification.

Q. "Comment faisait-il ces copies?"

A. "Par transparence à la vitre, au pantographe, ou encore en noircissant le dos du dessin avec un frottis de mine de plomb."

The article illustrates two drawings of which almost exact replicas exist, *La Lecture* and *La leçon de danse*. It is, of course, wholly accepted that Fragonard on occasion copied his own drawings when pressed to do so by keen clients. For many compositions more than one version is known and accepted as authentically by Fragonard. The "sensational" part of M Ananoff's revelation lies in the methods that he suggests Fragonard used. He does not in this article reveal how he has come by this knowledge.

To make a copy "à la vitre" a blank sheet of paper is laid on top of the drawing to be copied, which in turn is laid on to a sheet of glass; light is allowed to shine through the glass—it would have been equally apt at an angle to a sunny window—and a copy or tracing can be made.

A pantograph is described by Webster's dictionary as follows: "an instrument for copying (as a map or plan) on any predetermined scale consisting of four light rigid bars adjustably jointed in parallelogram form so that as one tracing point is moved over the outline to be copied the other makes the desired copy".

Ananoff repeats the claim that Fragonard made copies "à la vitre" and with a pantograph in a 1957 article for *Jardins des Arts*, a 1960 article in *La Revue* and in the introduction to the first volume of his catalogue *raisonné*. Where the dimensions of the two versions are identical he suggests that Fragonard has made a copy "à la vitre", where he has changed the scale, with a pantograph.

In the article for *Jardins des Arts* he produces evidence to substantiate his claim. He produces a plate from a book by Buchotte published in 1755 bearing the title as *Les règles du dessin et du lavis*. The plate illustrates the equipment needed for making a copy "à la vitre". He also reproduces detail from a drawing supposedly by Fragonard which, he claims, depicts his studio and shows such equipment propped on a table.

It is possible to question the elements of proof. The complete title of Buchotte's book is *Les règles du dessin et du lavis pour les plans particuliers, ouvrages et des bâtiments, pour leur coupes, profils, élevation et facades, tant de l'architecture militaire que civil*. It is a text book for draughtsmen working on architectural plans and the method of making copies "à la vitre" is described in this context. M Ananoff told me that he has no evidence that the technique was used at the time by artists, as opposed to technical draughtsmen. But since the technique was known, he pointed out, they could have used it.

The drawing supposed to depict a corner of Fragonard studio with such a contraption in position remains more of a mystery. Other Fragonard experts question two things. They doubt whether the drawing from Fragonard's hand; the theatrical composition has nineteenth-century feel while the handling of the ink wash for the foreground figure does not appear characteristic of Fragonard. Secondly there is room for doubt as to whether there is an ordinary drawing board propped on the table or a contraption for making copies "à la vitre".

Ananoff describes the drawing in his volume three and illustrates it across two pages in his volume four. The drawing was first published by him in a 1957 article for *Connaissance des Arts* entitled "Trois dessins inédits". The drawing was then in the Groult collection.

M Ananoff confirmed to me last week that he had no further evidence, besides that produced in his article, for claiming that Fragonard made copies "à la vitre" or with pantograph. Indeed, he was surprised to be reminded that he had suggested that Fragonard used a pantograph and went to fetch his *Grand Dictionnaire to look it up*.

"The copies are so exact," he commented, "that there must be some explanation of *how* Fragonard was able to do it. The techniques of copying 'à la vitre' and with pantograph already existed in his lifetime, so he could have used them."

The reason for stressing the "sensational" nature of Ananoff's contention that Fragonard made copies "à la vitre" or with a pantograph—aside from geometer's rather than an artist's tool—is that the only fakes discussed in this article are such exact copies of known drawings.

This point is underlined by the comparison of photographic transparencies; if you superimpose a transparency of the fake over the genuine drawing (or from which it was copied to the same scale) the coincidence is so precise that it looks as if you have only a single transparency. The lines of the underdrawing—to the extent that they show up in a photograph—and the pen and brush strokes coincide with astonishing accuracy in the genuine drawing and the fake.

The comparison of transparencies that I have described make it appear probable that the fakes themselves were produced with the aid of photography. If a light was shone through a transparency of a genuine drawing on to a blank sheet of paper the faker would be able to put in the lines and wash areas with exact precision.

Photographic coincidence has not been tested in the case of all 37 drawings cited at the beginning of this article. Eight drawings have, however, been tested and shown to coincide with genuine works with extraordinary exactitude. In two cases more than one genuine version of the composition is known; the photographic comparison left little doubt as to which version the fake had been based.

Prudence Glynn's fashion column will appear tomorrow.

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THE ARTS

Royal Ballet should make the best of a good Swan Lake

Swan Lake
Covent Garden

John Percival

The whispers around Covent Garden tell of a new production of *Swan Lake* before long. I had that in mind as I watched Tuesday's performance: the 610th by the Royal Ballet at the Royal Opera House, but that figure takes in at least three major recensions and innumerable minor variants. Do we really need another big upheaval or simply a much more careful revision of what we already enjoy? I incline strongly to the latter view.

A big surprise is to find that the old production has, without any publicity, already benefited greatly this season by being completely relit. Robert Bryan's new lighting gives a warm afternoon glow to the birthday party, makes the lake a far more mysterious place and ensures that the changes from day to night and back again look infinitely more convincing.

Even more important, the new lighting provides a marvellous apotheosis, giving the production at least a climactic ending to match the change in Tchaikovsky's music from minor to major: Odette and Siegfried, united in death, sailing in a splendid golden boat drawn by a swan into a magical kingdom beneath the lake. It must have been there all the time but none of us had been able to see it in the gloom.

Leslie Hurry's settings all gains from the changes and although the costumes are a jumble of styles because of changes introduced piecemeal over the years, it would be simpler and cheaper to modify them than to start afresh. Would it also be more satisfactory? Remembering what disastrous results have come from some of Covent Garden's past changes, I think we should be very careful indeed before deciding to replace Hurry's designs altogether.

Of one thing I am sure. Having seen many attempts to revise the story or choreography of *Swan Lake*, I am convinced that it would be absolute folly for the Royal Ballet to abandon either the general structure of the classic version by Petipa and Ivanov, or the choreography where it provides the closest practicable preservation of theirs. That way lies certain disaster.

Some of the modern interpolations have achieved a kind of classic standing, too: Ashton's *pas de quatre* and Neapolitan dance, Nureyev's melancholy solo for Siegfried. What *Swan Lake* does need is a better way of presenting and linking its essential elements.

Why is Siegfried surrounded by a rabble of peasants at his birthday party? Surely his guests could and should be people of his own age and class? Then the *pas de trois*, for instance, could be danced by his friends instead of coming on like a cabaret turn. Who are all the people at the later ball, visitors from abroad, guests in fancy dress, or what? Why do they all rush away at the end, leaving Siegfried's mother alone?

Answers to those and similar questions could be found without much disturbing the present framework and would greatly strengthen the ballet. The lakeside scenes need less done to them anyway. Some individual performers (notably Carry Grant as the tutor and Sandra Conley as the queen mother) have clearly been thinking hard about their roles, but thought about the total effect is what we need.

The other necessary reform is to restore the kind of coaching which David Wall (as he explained in an interview on this page a year or two ago) enjoyed when first attempting Siegfried in the old touring company. That is a contributory factor in the convincing, satisfying interpretation he now gives.

His ballerina this week, Monica Mason, danced with wholly admirable strength and exactness but without enough difference in style to reinforce the change of mood between the two halves of her double role, Odette and Odile. What gives *Swan Lake* its enduring appeal, after all, is partly Tchaikovsky's music (creditably played, by the way, under Ashley Lawrence, with Meyer Stolow's violin solos outstanding) but primarily the dancing. Take proper care of that and you are on the way to success with any production.

Brother Beggarstaff made plain

William Nicholson
Victoria and Albert Museum

Brian Alderson

"Nervous, anxious, and intensely sensitive", wrote an interviewer in *The Idler* in 1896. He was referring to William Nicholson, who, with James Pryde ("tall, good-natured, stoical") had won a succès d'estime as a poster artist. Issuing joint work under the name of the Beggarstaff Brothers they produced designs which were anything but nervous and anxious—and which were sensitive chiefly to the expressive possibilities of masses of cut paper in mapping out big posters for reproduction by lithography.

Predictably, the world of commerce was not altogether up with novel graphic experiments. Only Rowntree's Elect Cocoa seems to have spread the Beggarstaffs' fame among the public at large and by 1896 William Nicholson was turning his poster experience to the making of a new kind of picture book. Attacking engravers' blocks with a rare boldness he produced three series of prints which formed the basis of three large-format books which William Heinemann published in 1898: *An Alphabet*, *An Almanac of Twelve Sports* and *London Types*. The blocks were used directly in the production of special albums of these prints, which Nicholson would colour by hand to order, while the book trade itself was served by bound editions printed lithographically and sold at five shillings each. (A copy of just such an edition of the *Alphabet* was sold at auction last week for £105.)

An air of mystery has surrounded discussion of the production of these famous books (one authority even said they were printed from linocuts) but all questions are now answered at a charming little exhibition of *The Graphic Work of William Nicholson* in the Library Gallery (Room 74) at the Victoria and Albert Museum. The heart of the display is the set of blocks, engraved on both sides for economy's sake, which Nicholson made for the *Alphabet*. These were discovered not long ago in Heinemann's strong room at Kingswood, and they have been used to prepare a new edition of the series, pulled directly from the blocks by John and Rose Randle at their Whittington Press. (And, once more, a few complete sets have been hand-coloured—this time by Edward Craig, the son of Edward Gordon Craig, whom Nicholson introduced to the art of engraving.)

Several special features of the *Alphabet* emerge: the draft Q for Quakeress, which was replaced by Q for Quaker; the alternative Earl/Executioner and Trumpeter/Topers which were used respectively in the children's and adults' editions of the prints. But the exhibition also spreads itself to feature other aspects of Nicholson's career as illustrator rather than artist. Hand-coloured examples of the *Almanac* and *London Types* are on display, along with work from the later Oxford portfolios and the two sets of *Twelve Portraits* (one of which is the famous print of Queen Victoria accompanied by a quizzical Yorkshire terrier); and there is correspondence with his publisher, with Seigfried Sassoon over the illustrations to *Foxhunting Man*, and the famous letter from a Mr Fogg of Doncaster in 1896, rejecting an engraving of "Persimmon": "to me it's a nightmare—can't describe it in any other way". Best of all there are a couple of original illustrations for the picture books *Clever Bill* and *The Private Twins* which, to me, are the happiest things Nicholson ever did.

The exhibition is by no means comprehensive. One regrets the lack of a Beggarstaff poster and of other illustrated books like *The Book of Blokes* and *The Velveteen Rabbit*. But when you have had your fill of Nicholson, the Library Gallery also offers you its permanent display on "The Art of the Book"; while beyond it, in the Print Gallery, there is yet another small but highly satisfying display of graphic work: the "Grotesques" of the Victorian illustrator Ernest Griset.

Note: The Whittington Press report that almost all their sets of *An Alphabet* have been sold before publication, but inquiries should be sent to the Press at Manor Farm, Andoversford, Gloucester. Readers may also like to know of an admirable piece of adaptation by the Scolar Press, who have made a 1978 calendar of the *Almanac of Twelve Sports* (£2.50).

ECO Ensemble
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Joan Chissell

Orchestral players have always enjoyed escape from conductors. Even the English Chamber Orchestra, less baton-ridden than most, has its own chamber ensemble. On Tuesday five of its company offered a choice programme of Mozart, Kodaly and Schubert, with Malcolm Binns as guest pianist.

The surprise for many people was probably Kodaly's Duo for Violin and Cello, Op 7. The title suggests some neo-classical trifle designed for teaching purposes. In fact it is an expansive four-movement sonata, noble, deep and vehement. Not for nothing was it written in 1914. Intensity is the first essential in performance and that José-Luis Garcia and Charles Tunnell supplied in generous measure. In their bite, their flexibility in parlando and their rhythmic verve they also left no doubt of the composer's nationality, and in ensemble they were like blood brothers. This music had more disturbing things to say than anything else in the concert, and they certainly made it speak.

Schubert's Trout brought out the sun again. Here the same violinist and cellist were joined by Quintin Ballardie, Adrian Beers and Malcolm Binns in a performance as homogeneous in tone as it was single-minded in conception. The sound was mellow and golden rather than forward and bright. The interpretation likewise had a drawing room intimacy. Sometimes I thought the pianist was even too reticent, tapering his phrases into near inaudibility.

The cellist, too, seemed unduly shy in solos, though not in the lovely fifth variation of the penultimate movement. In sum, a sensitive performance, but a little too subdued to evoke Schubert's sparkling happiness at the time.

The evening began with Mozart's A major flute quartet, K298, with William Bennett finding the right easy going grace for its unimportant pleasantries.

Pete Seeger
Albert Hall

Robert Shelton

After a triumph like this, the only questions remaining are: why has it taken this influential singer and song writer a dozen years to appear on a British stage, and how soon will he return? The lanky, modest, father-figure to generations of folk singers, is doing what he has been doing for nearly 40 years, with the verve and dynamism of a dedicated mentor.

Seeger plays the five-string banjo, the 12-string guitar. Mostly, he plays the audience, turning a capacity house into one of the most willing and adept choruses imaginable. Seeger's career is a testament to his belief that we are all music-makers. Perhaps it was not surprising that he could do that with such familiar works as his own great hit song, "Where have all the flowers gone?" or a pulsing African rouser, "Wimoweh". More astonishing was how he had box-holders, and even a few ushers, intoning a black prisoner's lament, "Go down old Hannah", in part-harmonies, modulated volumes, ordered cadences, yet all very much with feeling. Seeger achieved all this while casually fingering his banjo with the right hand, his left hand in his pocket, and he set the tempo by rocking from heel to toe.

The programme on Tuesday was a benefit for the Chile Relief Fund. Seeger shared the stage with Quilapayun, the popular Paris-based Chilean Septet who have been heard here several times in the past few years to great effect. All of them shared the stage with the memory of Chile's great song writer, Victor Jara, whose heroic death in 1973 at the hands of the junta has entered the folklore of human rights and wrongs.

Pete Seeger has been a touchstone, an inspiration and model for so many. He has been blacklisted, and as often calumniated as revered. Yet he just keeps us singing along, dedicated to the belief that music can bring people to life, and life to people.



Photograph by Donald Cooper

Tony Anholt and Patrick Cargill

A useful measure for the past

Sleuth
Savoy

Ned Chaillet

If *Sleuth* did not exist dramatic critics would invent it. It is the necessary yardstick used for beating new mystery plays about their enfeebled heads. It seemed for a moment the resurrection of a genre, giving new life to stage thrillers by its blend of comedy, gamesmanship and disguise, with the older virtue of ingenious plotting. Those features have since been reflected so badly, and so often, in legions of new plays, that the form has come to its second and more ignoble death through gross caricature.

This revival from the Theatre Royal, Windsor, follows hot on the heels of one such disaster, *Lady Harry*, which lasted barely long enough for the actors to give their bows. *Sleuth* is still more robust than its progeny, though creakingly old-fashioned in its first act, which is there mainly to prepare the way for the dazzle of the acting challenges and reversals of the second act.

Suffice it to say that it is in the second act that the challenges are met, and not in the first act where Patrick Cargill as Andrew, the elderly thriller writer who has planned the perfect crime, invites his wife's lover to make a visit. There, too nervously concerned with the execution of the crime, Mr Cargill is unconvincing. Later, faced with a tortuous inquisition, he matches Milo, the lover, played by Tony Anholt, nuance for nuance.

The comfortable familiarity of the gothic trappings of the first act tends to deaden the jokes in Anthony Shaffer's writing, and Hugh Goldie might have found a way to sharpen the clowning—which, indeed, includes a clown suit—in his direction. But the later twists are still worth following, still at moments exciting. *Sleuth*, in this revival, is still a yardstick, still a useful measure for the past. But it is not a useful measure for other writers to follow. Britain, like the rest of Europe, is going metric.

Twelfth Night
Young Vic

Irving Wardle

"That strain again, it hath a dying fall", Stafford Gordon's burly Orsino remarks to the wail of an expiring bagpipe, before dispatching one of his kilted retinue out into the Scotch mist.

Apart from the fact that it supplies Viola with a handy seacoast, I cannot see the point of this Highland Illyria; even the chance of unisex costume is ignored, as Cesario turns up in the usual male attire, and speech swings all over the place from standard English to Sir Toby's gutter Glaswegian and Malvolio's Puritan whine.

There are plenty of other objections to Nancy Meckler's production. It obliterates Sir Andrew's pursuit of Olivia and Maria's pursuit of Toby. It litters Olivia's estate with peasant mutes including a knitting slattern whose one function is to laugh at Andrew's jokes. Rosalind Boxall's Maria is a hard-favoured matron who seems to be Malvolio's senior. Olivia gets an inert, attitudinizing performance from Amanda Boxer whose delivery combines monotony with jarring false emphases. Bernard Hill's Toby is a pugilistic hooligan utterly unrelated to Shakespeare's gentleman rogue. There is far too much forced laughter.

In spite of all this, I have to record that it is a long time since I enjoyed the play so much, from which I conclude that a director like Miss Meckler who can animate a stage can get away with anything. The show is full of good business, like the use of a wheelbarrow as a mobile box hedge in the letter scene, the high-precision comic drill before the duel, a mock-terrified routine with holy water when the three conspirators confront the supposedly mad Malvolio. The old gags and situations spring to life like recoiled springs under the hand of a director with a sure sense of dramatic rhythm.

There are also three extremely good performances from Marty Cruickshank, whose big-voiced Viola lights up the full spectrum of romance and playfulness; Neil Johnston, whose Malvolio suggests Burns's Holy Willie and combines a wide range of vocal and athletic detail within its sanctimonious outline; and Martin Connor's boyish Sir Andrew, game for anything and completely unaware of his own incompetence. The show is cunningly designed by Poppy Mitchell, whose timbered platform and gallery permit orgies of drunken tumbling.

A word of recommendation for the new children's play at the Arts: Stephen Wyatt's *The Magic Cabbage*, a quest story that develops with considerable ingenuity and sense of character (including a ditheringly maladroit fox by Geoffrey Drew) once it has got over its fumbled opening.

Kent Opera's new Seraglio

Kent Opera's spring season opens with a new production of Mozart's *The Seraglio*, produced by Elijah Moshinsky with designs by Deirdre Clancy and lighting by Nick Chelton. Roger Norrington conducts, and the production is sung in a new English translation by Michael Irwin. Principal roles are taken by Miriam Bowen, Wynford Evans, Neil Jenkins, Thomas Lawlor, Patricia Reakes and Philip Summerscales.

The Seraglio will be given at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday. Tunbridge Wells also sees one performance of *Iphigenia in Tauris* tomorrow.

LSO/Abbado
Festival Hall

William Mann

We had gramophone records to thank for Tuesday's complete and distinguished performance of Stravinsky's *Pulcinella* ballet score, in which Claudio Abbado and the London Symphony Orchestra were joined, for the several quite short numbers involving voices, by Teresa Berganza, Ryland Davies and John Shirley-Quirk. They are all due to record the work together later this week.

Pulcinella was a product of Diaghilev's shrewd move to augment the repertory of his ballet company with agreeable classical music transcribed for choreographic purposes by living and lively composers. Respighi's raid on Rossini's salon music for *La boutique fantasque* is nowadays the most familiar of them (if we discount *Les Sylphides* as straight Chopin scored for orchestra): Tommasini's *Good-humoured Ladies*, based on Scarlatti's keyboard sonatas, was a favourite at the time. Stravinsky was commissioned to make a ballet score out of music by Pergolesi (some of it now considered unauthentic); most of it was hardly known, though he included one ever-popular song, "Se tu m'ami", perhaps to show listeners how boldly he was adapting his materials. *Pulcinella* is nowhere near so brazen a union of past and present as the later Tchaikovsky-based ballet *The Fairy's Kiss*, but it set Stravinsky on the neoclassic path which was for long to be his musical passport as an exile from Russia.

It is more often performed as a purely orchestral suite which includes much of the ballet's most engaging music. Complete performances do enhance the work's achievement, and perhaps its stature; then it is pleasant to hear the other numbers, and the songs are entertaining, something more when the singers are as accomplished as Tuesday's trio.

Berganza and Davies made their tiny love duet a moment to treasure. Shirley-Quirk hinted delicately at poignant undertones in his sonorous, superficially charming dirge. Abbado's reading generally accentuated the sophisticated *machismo* of the piece, *commedia dell'arte* made respectable. It was superbly played, with suggestions of brashness that, I hope, will not be smoothed away in the recording studio.

Before the interval Zoltan Kocsis was the soloist in a fine and fiery, sometimes hasty, account of Mozart's B flat piano concerto, K.456.

Maria de la Pau
Purcell Room

Paul Griffiths

Though Maria de la Pau has appeared here several times as accompanist to her father, Paul Tortelier, we had not until Tuesday had the opportunity to hear her in a solo recital. This was, then, in the nature of a debut, but it was also a renewed acquaintance with familiar, or perhaps family, traits of musicianship, for Miss de la Pau is too much her father's daughter to have remained unaffected by his rhapsodic commitment.

It is a noble quality, but it can lead to an excess of expressive pointing or fluid lyricism, to the danger of not seeing the notes for the music. That was what troubled me in Miss de la Pau's performances, of Haydn's Andante con Variazioni in F minor and the Ravel sonatina. The latter, in particular, demands a degree of detachment which I suspect she cannot find it in herself to allow. Her alternative, to chase the potentially rhetorical moments up to pinnacles of passion, caused her some difficulties of continuity, but she coped well with the animated finale by using subtle resonances to make up for a limited range of colour.

She was at her best, however, in her two nineteenth-century works, Schumann's *Faschingsschwank aus Wien* and Brahms's six pieces Op 118. The youthful alacrity of the Schumann was missed, but there was ample compensation in Miss de la Pau's harmonic sensitivity and the sure step of her phrasing, while her deep involvement permitted the short mood-pictures for once to balance the ambitious opening movement. In the Brahms she was again a feeling interpreter, going astray only in adopting too churchy, almost organ-like a manner for the F minor Romance.

Some of these notices appeared in later editions of The Times yesterday.

SPORT

Football

Withe can play at Wembley after being suspended for one match

Nottingham Forest's luck held out yesterday when Peter Withe was suspended for one match by an FA disciplinary committee. He will appear in the League Cup Final against Liverpool on Saturday week.

Withe, appearing before the committee in Manchester to plead for leniency after totalling 20 penalty points, was banned from next Monday. It means that he will miss a league game against Leicester City, provisionally arranged for the following night. The match will go on unless Forest draw their FA Cup sixth-round tie at West Bromwich Albion on Saturday. Withe would miss the replay.

The player was accompanied at the 16-minute hearing by Brian Clough, the club manager, who arrived nearly half an hour late. The commission accepted his reasons for the delay, and were then charmed by Mr Clough's defence of his leading goalscorer. "I am naturally pleased", the manager said later. "Peter has had only nine bookings in eight years and that is not bad for a striker".

Mr Clough was particularly anxious to have Withe at Wembley. Forest will be without three ineligible players: their goalkeeper, Peter Shilton, a defender, Dave Needham, and a midfield man, Archibald Gemmill. The loss of another first-team member could have proved costly.

Forest yesterday took the day off training to travel to London to record a television programme with Jimmy Saville. Mr Clough stayed in Manchester to watch Tony Woodcock and Vivian Anderson play for England in an Under-21 international against Italy at Maine Road.

Mr Clough has problems to solve before the tie at Albion. John McGovern and Colin Barrett are under treatment for groin and ankle injuries, and, with Anderson to complete a two-match ban, Forest could be left with Frank Clark as their only orthodox full back on Saturday.

Samuel Allardyce, of Bolton Wanderers, was suspended for one game by the commission. He had accumulated 20 points. The ban takes effect from Saturday. He misses an away game against Mansfield Town.

Ian Greaves, the club manager, said: "We got a very favourable hearing. Sam has played in 45 games this season and we have been under a lot of pressure." Allardyce will return for the game against Southampton, their fellow promotion candidates, at Burnden Park.

Other suspensions, which take effect from Saturday, included Derek Bell (Halifax Town), (one match), and, from Tranmere Rovers, Eddie Flood (two matches) and Dave Philpotts (one).

Dave Clement, a Queen's Park Rangers and England full back, has been charged by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute. He tore off his shirt and threw it to the ground after being sent off by Kenneth Walmsley, the referee, during an FA Cup fifth round replay at Nottingham Forest on February 27.

An FA spokesman said: "Clement has been charged with misbehaviour after being sent off and will appear before a disciplinary commission at a later date."

Sir Alf resigned over Francis transfer

Sir Alf Ramsey, who has resigned as consultant manager of Birmingham City, yesterday revealed that he made the decision a fortnight ago and he had also recommended that the England striker Trevor Francis should be allowed to leave.

Sir Alf said he told the board two weeks ago that he intended to quit and sever his links with the club. He did so after the board had changed their mind over his recommendation that Francis should be placed on the transfer list.

He said at a board meeting on February 20 he recommended both Francis and the defender, Joe Gallagher, should be transfer listed. The board agreed but three days later changed their minds about Francis.

Sir Alf said he then decided to opt out because of the board's policy. "I have been very hurt over suggestions that I walked out on the club after Saturday's defeat at Coventry. This is just not so," he said.

He added: "I have no regrets over my spell at Birmingham City. I am just sad that the events of the last two days have occurred."

Meanwhile an action group calling for a complete clear out at Birmingham are to hold a meeting next Tuesday and have hired Birmingham Town Hall to get all the disgruntled supporters in. They are hoping to announce a "shadow board" of wealthy businessmen who are prepared to take over.

The buoyancy of Millwall's players has presented the manager, George Petchey, with a novel problem before their cup match against Ipswich Town at the Den.

Petchey, keeping faith with the format that has given them the chance to reach the semi finals for the first time in 41 years, took his squad to Bisham Abbey for a three day break, with the emphasis on relaxation.

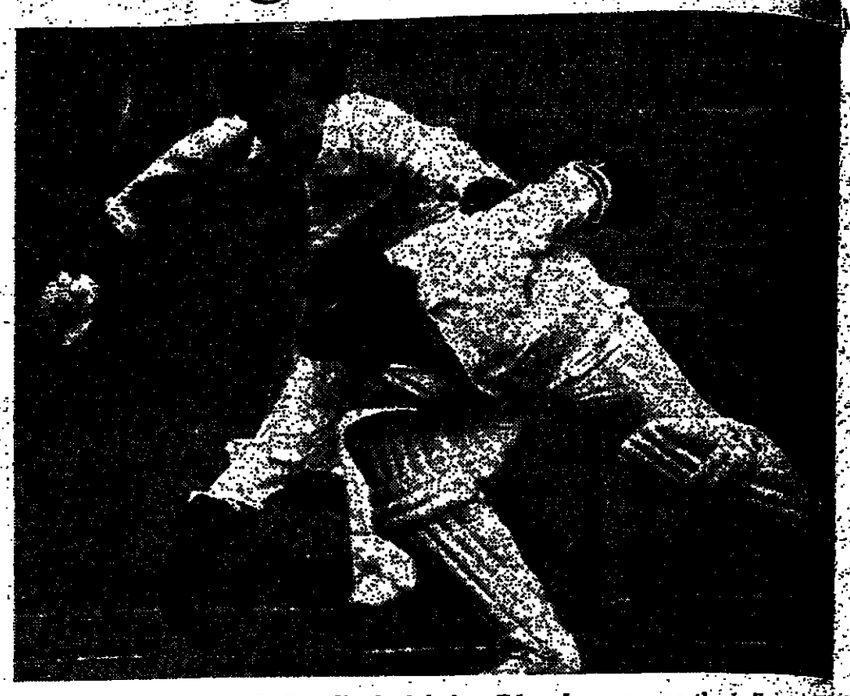
But the players have followed two or three training sessions a day by heading for the tennis and squash courts and golf course which are attached to the Buckinghamshire complex.

Mr Petchey said: "Everyone is in tremendously high spirits but it is an effort trying to stop them doin gtoo much. I want them to save some of their energy for Ipswich."

Cricket

Radley leads England's slow march

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Auckland, March 8



Uncharacteristic flurry: Radley flies back before Edwards swoops on the bails.

England, who have been batting since after tea on Sunday, had scored 390 for five when the fourth day of the third Test match against New Zealand ended a few minutes early here this evening. Their lead is 75 and there are two days left in which to win the match and the rubber with it.

Not until Botham joined Radley this afternoon did things come to life, and England's innings by then was in its one hundredth over. The slowness of it, while virtually doing away with New Zealand's chances of winning, will England with less than they would like for bowling them out a second time.

To save the match New Zealand may have to bat for something like eight hours, assuming the weather holds, on a pitch that is lasting well. Boycott, by the way, is not certain to be able to lead England in the field, when the time comes. Something which lodged between a contact lens and the cornea of his eye has left the eye very sore and in need at the moment of a full dressing.

There is not a worthier cricketer in England than Clive Radley, or one who is better liked. The news that he is 154 not out will please a great many people. His hundred though, is the slowest ever made for England—in 536 Test matches. When, at last, he reached it had had been in for eight hours seven minutes. The longer he had batted the more his limitations had been exposed, except, of course, for the strength of his concentration.

If that sounds unreasonable, even uncharitable, at a time when we are crying out for an Englishman who can score Test match hundreds, let me add that no one will want to watch England in Australia next winter batting has Radley has done here. We have already got Boycott who plays in this way. Can we afford Radley too? A Test hundred is a proud possession, and in compiling his Radley may to some extent have been playing to orders. But that is still his game.

New Zealand's ground fielding was mostly pretty good, with the exception of some of their throwing. Whereas Botham's strokes had the power to find the gaps, Radley's best could usually be cut off by a dive and an outstretched hand. When Collinge had Botham caught at the wicket this evening he took his 112th Test wicket, a NUew Zealand record. After causing Radley and Roope to play and miss a number of times early on Hadlee had one of his less effective days, and for a few overs after tea Congdon came up against Botham, which did his figures no good. There were two wickets for Boock, though, the first to fall to aspin bowler in the match.

Twenty one runs from the first three overs this morning, against the new ball, created a false impression. Anyone who hoped that England were to make a concerted effort to call the tun was soon to be disappointed. In the remaining 110 minutes before lunch they scored only another 38 runs. Dropped at first slip when he was 42, slashing at Hadlee, Roope took this as a signal to withdraw into his shell. Radley, for his part, became increasingly preoccupied with his 100. Being without a backlift or a follow-through, he has to squeeze the ball away. Roope, when he chooses to use it, has much the greater fluency.

The day was punctuated with even more stoppages than usual. There was a delay of seven minutes this morning while the ball was changed, and another of eight minutes this afternoon while Edwards, New Zealand's wicket-keeper, went off for repairs to a damaged thumb, besides the customary intervals for drinks. In 22 eight ball overs before lunch Roope and Radley made 59. In 27 overs this afternoon 70 more were scored for the loss of Roope and Gatting. Having made 68 in four hours and a half Roope jumped out to Boock, only to drive him straight to mid-on. In Boock's next over poor Gatting, who had first pit his pads on before lunch on Monday, was bowled for nought, playing neither forward nor back to a ball that kept low.

With Botham's arrival it became more a game of cricket and less a battle of attrition. Three of his first four scoring strokes were boundaries off the back foot past cover point, and after tea he began to hit the ball in a way that everyone would like to do but few can. At last the chains were broken, if not for good. Even Radley, his hundred safely reached, scored his third 50 in under two hours. For the fifth wicket he and Botham had added 97 when Botham was out with 70 minutes left.

Whereupon Taylor, if not Radley, played as though runs were not more than 350 but less than 150 for eight. An hour Taylor scored six, and to New Zealand's relief, had a light appeal upheld. Because the sixth day England may well win this match, but the side bats as they have done far, except for Botham, it is to think that cricket will

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (C. P. Howarth 122; I. T. Bo 5 for 109).

ENGLAND: First innings
*G. Boycott, c Burgess, b Collinge
D. W. Randall, l-b-w, b Hadlee
C. T. Radley, not out
G. R. J. Roope, c Burgess, b Boock
M. W. Gatting, b Boock
I. T. Botham, c Edwards, b Collinge
†R. W. Taylor, not out
Extras (b 8, l-b 5, n-b 10, w 1)
Total (for 6 wkts)
To bat: S. Miller, P. H. Edwards, J. K. Lever, R. G. D. Willis.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—52, 2—53, 3—254, 4—258, 5—355, 6—
BOWLING (to date): Hadlee, 4—352—1; Collinge, 22—7—
Cairns, 29—5—58—0; Congdon, 8—58—0; Boock, 24—3—

Meadows marks new job with record signing

Paul Hart's first appearance for Leeds United could be delayed, because of a chest infection. Hart, for whom Leeds have agreed to pay Blackpool £330,000 was one of several players recently suffering from influenza. A medical test by Leeds showed that he had a chest infection, but this will not prevent the deal going through.

Jimmy Meadows, caretaker manager at Blackpool since the dismissal of Allan Brown a month ago, yesterday was appointed manager until the end of the season. The board offered the position to Mr Meadows, a former Manchester City full-back, earlier this week. He accepted the post yesterday and will be in charge until May 31.

Mr Meadows marked his appointment by signing Max Thompson, a 21-year-old Liverpool defender, for a club record fee of £80,000 but it was a painful signing. Thompson has his right arm in a sling because of pulled shoulder ligaments but he was pleased at the move.

Statham illness a blow to Albion's cup hopes

Derek Statham, fighting to get fit in time for West Bromwich Albion's FA Cup quarter-final against Nottingham Forest on Saturday, has suffered a setback in the shape of influenza.

Statham was forced to withdraw from last nights England Under-21 match against Italy at Maine Road, because of injury.

The Albion manager, Ron Atkinson, said: "It will be a severe blow if he does not play

Cyrille Regis, who also pulled out of the Italian tie, has resumed training and should be fit. Like Statham, he was injured against Ipswich on Saturday.

Albion, however, could still be faced with a problem up front. Alistair Brown, Regis's striking partner, has aggravated a groin injury in training. "He received the original injury at the weekend and is now having treatment. At the moment I do not know what his chances of playing are", said Mr Atkinson.

The Middlesbrough manager, John Neal, in Jersey preparing for his teams FA Cup tie with Orient, says: "We have had a great start to cup week by putting Manchester United out of the FA Youth Cup. We hope to round it off by reaching the FA Cup semi-finals for the first time in the club's history.

Middlesbrough, after their 1—0 home win over Manchester United, are confident of beating Burnley in the quarter finals of the youth competition. Bobby Murdoch, the former Celtic and Middlesbrough midfield player, is the coach and inspiration behind their success.

Neal says: "Most of the players will be eligible for the youth cup next season. The future of Middlesbrough is tremendous."

Peter Bennett, Orient's long serving midfield player, has suffered a recurrence of a calf strain and is doubtful for the match. Bennett aggravated the injury, which has kept him out of the last three matches, in a reserve game against Ipswich this week. The acting manager, Peter Angell, said: "Bennett played the whole of the game but there has been a reaction. It does not look too good at the moment."

Boxing

SA homeland 'will stage title bout'

Johannesburg, March 8.—A South African hotel chain director claimed today that contracts had been signed for Muhammad Ali and the new world heavyweight champion, Leon Spinks, to have a return title match in the South African homeland of Bophuthatswana early in September. Sol Kerzner, managing director of the Southern Sun hotel group, told a press conference here that Top Rank Inc, of New York, headed by Bob Arum, would promote the $14m contest.

On the same bill, Ken Norton, a leading contender, would box either the South African heavyweight champion, Gerrie Coetzee, or his arch-rival, Kallie Knoetze. There would also be a world light-heavyweight title contest, Mr Kerzner claimed without giving names. The tournament would be held at the Independence Stadium in Mmabatho, capital of Bophuthatswana, which South Africa proclaimed independent last December. Only South Africa have so far recognized the new state.

Mr Kerzner said: "It took us four weeks of negotiations to get this fight. The whole world wanted it. The contract was signed between Top Rank and Southern Sun (Bophuthatswana) at about midnight New York time last night." He said the Mmabatho stadium—about a three-hour drive from Johannesburg—would be enlarged from 30,000 to 40,000 capacity. Mmabatho has only one recognized hotel and it is owned by Southern Sun.

In New York last night Mr Arum said Bophuthatswana was only one of several sites under consideration for a Spinks-Ali match. The Daily News reported yesterday that the government of Bophuthatswana had offered $6.5m to help underwrite a bout in Mmabatho.

In Las Vegas, two doctors have said that Spinks suffered a rib injury shortly before last month's title bout. Dr Abraham Rudnick and Dr John Payne said yesterday they gave Spinks a local anaesthetic just before the 15-round contest in which he beat Ali on a split decision. Spinks has been advised not to box again for two months. The doctors said Spinks had cartilage damage on the lower part of his left rib cage.

The Norton camp are highly sceptical of Spinks's injury and its delayed revelation. Bob Biron, Norton's manager, has agreed to Mr Arum's offer of $200,000 for Norton to meet Spinks. Mr Biron said he is thinking of taking legal action if Mr Arum does not deliver the bout, which would be televised.

Meanwhile, in Paris, the French Boxing Federation have invited pusse offers for a European middle-weight championship match between the title-holder, Gratien Tonna, of France, and the British, challenger, Alan Minter.

It has been announced in London that Joey Singleton, the former British light welterweight champion, will meet George McGurk over eight rounds, at the Cunard Hotel, London, on April 12.

Tennis

Wimbledon via Eastbourne for Miss Wade

Philadelphia, March 8.—Virginia Wade plans to play in the Eastbourne grass court tournament before defending the women's singles title at Wimbledon this summer. The British tennis player said here yesterday that she would not play in the French and Italian championships. "That's because I will be playing World Team Tennis. You know I've been traded from the New York team to San Francisco", she said.

Miss Wade is hoping for an improvement in her form in a tournament here from March 20 to 26. "My game has been hitting its stride in the past few weeks and I hope to do better than earlier this season when I was concentrating on completing a biography", she said.—Reuter.

DALLAS, TEXAS: Miss T. Austin (US) beat Miss B. Cuppers (South Africa) 6—1, 6—1; Miss M. Navratilova (US) beat Miss M. Hanny (US) 6—1, 5—7, 6—1; Mrs K. Reid (Australia) beat Miss C. Stoll (US) 6—3, 6—0.

Greater security for only the leading players

By Richard Streeton

Measures to counter the Packer organization in English cricket will be agreed at Lord's today. The spring meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) will debate three proposals on players' contracts. They are aimed at preventing any repetition of last summer's defections by leading Test match players.

The crucial recommendation by the working party set up to consider the implications of Mr Packer's High Court victory last November, is that the TCCB should secure an option on the exclusive services of a player during the closed season. This could operate for one or more winters. In other words, those players it was felt who would be wanted by England for winter tours should in future be paid a retainer to ensure their availability.

Nothing quite like this commitment to represent England, if chosen, exist in any other sport nor has it been deemed necessary before. Times, attitudes and behaviour patterns, however, change. Mr Justice Slade in his High Court judgment more than hinted what the cricket establishment had to do. The improved security likely to be offered to the leading cricketers in the years ahead befits the employment structures of our era, irrespective of feelings on the changed moral obligations and standards which have made the proopsed new system necessary.

The details have yet to be finalized but financial limitations would only make it feasible for the TCCB's option clause to be applied to the leading half dozen or so players. Those considered indispensible. The sums to be paid would clearly have to be large even if they did not approach the five-figure amounts that would bring parity with offers from a promoter like Mr Packer. The cost involved would also preclude the TCCB from signing too many players.

The England selectors are expected to make the initial recommendation about the players they feel essential to England's Test sides. If a player declined to sign the option contract, the selectors would be entitled not to choose him for home Test matches in the interests of team building and continuity. On the other hand, if a player suffered a dramatic loss of form and though on option, was not selected for a winter tour, he would be entitled to his retainer.

The other two contracts put forward by the working party for approval today are more concerned with cricketers and their counties. One outlines a normal seasonal agreement between the two parties to last one year or more. The other deals with counties wishing to have an option on their players' services in the winter, something which couldhave legal benefits to employer and employee.

Much of all this will seem fundamental to any firm with part-time staff. It has to be remembered, however, that the lax approach by the counties to their players' contracts was a considerable factor in Mr Packer's legal success. Gentlemen's agreements have always been preferred to documentation. In some cases, too, there was the wish to avoid selective employment tax on full-time employees.

Any tidying up by cricket authorities in these areas, and improved remuneration for players, have to be acknowledge as beneficial effects from Mr Packer's arrival on the scene. Throughout the Packer furore, the balanced attitude and moderate statements by the Cricketer's Association have helped confirm their new standing in the game.

This is reflected by the presence on the TCCB agenda of a request by the association for the board to consider introducing the principle of a basic minimum wage for county cricketers from 1979 onwards. If agreed by the board, it is expected that meetings will be held with the association with a final decision on the matter being taken next August.

In any normal year the unprecedented resolutions by several counties to impose fines ran in amounts from £5,000—£20,000 on Sussex for their TCCB majority decision to have been the main killing. These proposed fines replaced original motion, since withdrawn by Nottinghamshire and Lancashire, that Sussex should be banned from various competitions.

Primarily because of their involvement, Sussex have become associated in many people's minds more with the Packer affair than is strictly just. The fines recommended stem from the disapproval of the Sussex failure in discipline. Snow for wearing advertising insignia; their expulsion of Imran Khan from Worcestershire; and Greig's damning article on the Old Trafford pitch. Counties have refused to arrange fixtures with each other after incidents or quarrels have now. The severe penalties sought in what are troubled financial times for most clubs is unique.

On an agenda more contentious and reforming than usual, there is rare unanimity that the two recent England selectors should be reelected. For once no rival candidates have been put forward. Messrs A. V. Besser (chairman), K. F. Barrington, C. S. Elliott and J. T. Murray are certain to be reappointed. They will doubtless already be familiarizing themselves with a layman's guide to counties and options

Hockey

Exeter need extra time to unlock Bangor's defence

By Sydney Friskin

Exeter 1 Bangor 0

Exeter won the Universities Athletic Union hockey championship for the third year in succession at Cheltenham College yesterday, beating Bangor in the final after extra time. The last team who won the title three times in a row were Cardiff from 1923-25.

Bangor, playing in the final for the first time, made Exeter fight for possession in the first half but could not match the skill of the opposing forward line. So the story of the first half was one of Exeter attacking strongly and Bangor defending stubbornly. Sian and Sahota combined well for Bangor.

It would not have flattered Exeter if they had taktn a 3—0 lead by half-time. That Bangor's goal remained intact was due mainly to a splendid display in goal by Petrie. He saved two superb hits by Gay from short corners, but was lucky soon afterwards when he failed to cut off a cross pass from Stables, and Clark missed an open goal.

Shortly before half time Petrie made another brilliant save from a short corner by Lauté, Stables failing to core from the rebound. Farr, in the Exeter goal, who had a comfortable first half was suddenly called on to save three shots in quick succession during a sudden surge by Bangor early in the second half, after which the game sagged a little. Exeter had but one short corner in the first 15 minutes.

The early minutes of extra time were dominated by Exeter who forced two short corners, from the second of which Petrie made a gread save off Lauté. Lauté droved the ball high into the net off the rebound but the shot was disallowed as dangerous. It was left to a defensive error to settle the issue about a minute and a half from time. A defender's intended reverse pass ran loose and Cowx, seizing his chance, pushed the ball into the circle for Lauté to score a fine goal. Cowx was the most resourceful of Exeter's forwards.

EXETER: R. Farr; N. Gay, N. Toze, T. Astell, J. Stables, D. Kerslake, G. Clark, P. Bushill, I. Cowx, U. Lauté, M. Hunnaball.

BANGOR: B. Petrie; G. O'Dell, A. Richards, G. Stephens, B. Stan, N. Black, R. McCombe, T. Coxon, D. Thomas, R. Sahota, R. Forrester.

Umpires: A. Budd and D. Mercer (Western Counties).

The Indian World Cup team begin their short visit to London with a match against Indian Gymkhana at Osterley today, starting at 2.30 pm. The visitors can expect strong opposition from the talented Indian Gymkhana team who were South League runners-up last season and hope to go one better this year.

Americans stay unbeaten in battle of defences

By a Special Correspondent

England Under-23 0 USA 0

The United States women's hockey team remaintd unbeaten in the fourth match of their tour in this country. The England Under-23 sid held them to a draw at East Gloucester ground, Cheltenham, yesterday.

A match without goils is usually a defensive one and yesterday's was so. The young English defence, in which Ruth Hawes and Linda Carr played a mature game, did well but it was in attack that England failed though they had territorial advantage. They had numtrous corners in ther favour but none was converted.

The United States are clever defenders. They were always facing tht right way and waiting, if not to intercept passes, to make things difficult for the English to shoot.

The steady flow which was a praiseworthy characteristic of tht game in England has gone. Instead the play is on hard tackling, leading to careless passes.

ENGLAND UNDER-23: E. Beresford (Lancashire), S. Duckworth (Lancashire, captain); L. Carr (Lancashire), S. Franks (Somerset); R. Hawes (Warwickshire), M. Eckersall (Lancashire), N. Flanagan (Warwickshire), R. Holden (Sussex), L. Ashton (Cheshire); J. Brown (Gloucestershire), D. Haselden (Lancashire).

UNITED STATES: G. Chessoman; B. Anders, P. Hixon, A. Miller, K. Shelton, B. Redlin, R. Cash, J. Grant, C. Carson, J. Stynes, G. Hoot.

Umpires: B Bradford and W. Heath.

The United States play England at Wembley stadium on Saturday. The England team will have three positional changes in the forward line: Jane Swinnerton (Staffordshire) comes back to her former place at centre forward; Janet Jurischka (Kent) and Susan Slocombe (Somerset) each move out one place to left inner and left wing. Mrs Slocombe is really an inside player, but was on the left wing last year when playing in Spain.

Ice skating

An iron curtain descends across the world

From John Hennessy
Ottawa, March 8

The supremacy of Irina Rodnina and her husband, Alexandr Zaitsev, of the Soviet Union, in Paris skating has diminished the competition to the point where it carries little interest, comparatively speaking. To make matters worse, by ill chance they were drawn to skate first in yesterday's short programme of the world championships here, with the result that the evening, thin as it already was for the paying customers at about 55 a head, declined into something of a bore, except perhaps to those new to international skating. An Eskimo similarly might gain some pleasure from watching the grass grow.

Moreover, if we are to take the evidence of the judges' marks, the Zaitsevs were not at their brilliant best. They elicited the rare universality of 5.8 from every judge for both technical merit and artistic impression. By ordinary standards, it was a perfectly satisfactory achievement, but the Zaitsevs have created their own standards, and here they were a little lacking. Perhaps they were not helped by music that seemed to be a sound recording of the huffing and puffing at Clapham Junction during a particularly busy rush hour.

Apart from the fact that they seemed to lac ka little nerve—mistakes in a short programme are heavily punished—and that their sit-spins seemed not exactly in tune, they seemed the Zaitsevs of other days, but on other days they have won greater approval. Only a month ago, during the European championships in Strasbourg, they suffered the indignity (for them) of 5.8 only twice. Their remaining 16 marks were all of 5.9 except for a maximum of 6.0 for artistic impression from the Yugoslav judge. There are those who are ever ready to read political significance into a mark that stands on its own, but I am not sure what we were to make of that one.

As in Strasbourg, an East German pair, Manuela Mager and Uwe Bewersdorff, my special favourites among the young pretenders, took second place in the short programme, but this time on a more impressive scale. The judges were in disarray during the European, with marks ranging from 5.0 to 5.7, both, oddly, for artistic impression. This time there was a greater degree of unanimity since the range, such as it was, was from 5.4 to 5.6. Their gross marks rose from 98.2 to 100.2. Their double salchows were perhaps not quite together, but they have a stunning sit-spin, with the head dropped on to the thigh of the free leg, in the manner of Robin Cousins.

There was a rare tussle for third place between the second Russian pair, Marina Cherkasova and Sergei Shakhrai (one man and his doll) and the American champions, Tai Babilonia and Randolph Gardner (one man and his match). Those two pairs have produced the absurdity whereby the Americans scored more points and suffered fewer ordinals (place marks), yet are placed behind the Russians on a majority of judges. These things tend to come out in the wash before the end (though not always), and it might be more realistic to regard the Americans as lying third at the moment. Tomorrow night will show whether or not either can overtake the East Germans.

Nothing, of course, can dethrone the Zaitsevs, short of a meteorological or geological upheaval, not uncommon occurrences in North America these days. Some despair of their sporting longevity. Miss Rodnina, now 28, has remained at the top since 1969, first with Alexei Ulanov as her partner, and more recently with her husband, winning in the process 24 international championships (European, world and Olympic). Are they, as some Western voices maintain, stunting the growth of this discipline by presenting an impenetrable barrier to would-be challengers?

We are, of course, conditioned by the political divide. The Zaitsevs would long since have turned professional had they been subjected to commercial temptation, but that is virtually unknown in Eastern Europe. Is it, then, any more unreasonable for them to be adding to the trophies on their sideboard than it once was for, say, Donald Bradman and now is for Jack Nicklaus?

Linda Fratianne (United States), the women's champion, lies second after the first two compulsory figures to Anett Pötzsch (East Germany), as she did in Tokyo a year ago. This time, however, thanks to an improved second figure (paragraph double three for the benefit of the initiated), Miss Pötzsch has opened a slightly wider gap. Her total adjusted mark is 30.64, compared with Miss Fratianne's 28.44. Last year the margin was 1.60, compared with 2.24 now.

Karena Richardson, the British champion, was another to improve on last year, which was not difficult in view of her appalling experience in Tokyo. More important, her 23.96 is higher by 0.32 than her performance in Strasbourg, which was itself a source of encouragement. She is lying twelfth, which was to be compared with her nineteenth placing in the figures in Tokyo.

PAIRS (short programme): 1, I. Rodnina and A. Zaitsev (USSR), nine placements, 41.76 pts; 2, M. Mager and U. Bewersdorff (East Germany), 23, 40.08; 3, M. Cherkasova and S. Shakhrai (USSR), 30, 39.68; 4, T. Babilonia and R. Gardner (US), 29, 40.08; 5, S. Baier and T. Thierbach (East Germany), 36, 38.44; 6, J. Spielova and A. Spiegl (Czechoslovakia), 50, 38.34.

MEN'S COMPULSORY FIGURES: 1, V. Kovalev (USSR) 13 placements, 43.76 pts; 2, J. Hoffman (East Germany), 15, 43; 3, C. Tickner (US), 22, 42.56; 4, R. Cousins (GB), 17, 39.80; 5, D. Santee (US), 43, 39.20; 6 J. Sobrin (USSR), 58, 38.42; 7, M. Stobers (East Germany), 65, 37.32; 8, F. Isartiel (Japan), 71, 37.04; 9, M. Matsumura (Japan), 85, 36.08; 10, C. Kokora (USSR), 85, 34.04.

Swimming

Miss Davies will not take chances again

Sharron Davies, trying to win nine titles at the national age course swimming championships (sponsored by Coca-Cola) at Crystal Palace yesterday which almost cost her a place in the women's 100 metres backstroke final. She was initially omitted from the final, but after a protest by her father and coach, Terry Davies, a swim-off between Miss Davies and Susan Cooper, who had the same heat time, looked inevitable until it was realized that Lucy Hilder had been listed among the finalists, although she had a slower time.

"Sharron swam the heat leisurely, but the mix-up taught her a valuable lesson: to take chances", her father said. "I had not got a full check of the times, and it seems that the recorders' entries were very close together, and they had not noted that Lucy Hilder's time was slower. In any event, this sort of thing should not happen because of the introduction of the touch card system, which is supposed to simplify everything."

Joy Beasley, the British record holder, produced the fastest time of 1min 7.81sec; Claire Smith was second fastest in 1min 7.95s.

Miss Davies took no chances in the later heats of the 400 metres free-style, swimming impressively to finish with a three-second advantage over Cheryl Brasnett in 4min 36.85sec.

Yesterday's results

ARMY CUP (ROAR final): 28 Regiment 3, Amphibious Regiment 1.

RUGBY UNION: East Midlands Barbarians 40, UAU final: London borough 17, Bristol 0.

HOCKEY: UAU final: Exeter 2, Bangor 0 (after extra time).

Cycling

BY ETIENNE: Paris-Nice race: Fourth stage: 1, A. Martet (France), 2, S. [illegible]; 3, G. Duclos-Lassalle (France); 4, B. Hinault (France); 5, Y. Hezard (France); 6, G. Kretzmann

Tennis

CAIRO: J. Fassbender (West Germany) beat R. Drysdale (GB) 1—2, 6—3, 15—10; G. Hardie (US) beat P. Gehart (West Germany), 6—3, 6—4.

Money from the bank

The Irish inter-provincial championships will be sponsored for the next three years to the tune of £36,000 by the Northern Bank. The championships, which have gone on for the better part of a century, will in future be known as the Northern Bank inter-provincial championships.

Dean's first game

Martin Dean plays his first game for Blackheath against London Welsh at the Rectory Field on Saturday. He is one of three changes from the side that gained a morale boosting victory over Moseley at the Reddings last week. Stokoe and Oliver return to the pack.

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SPORT

Rugby Union

Barbarians spell out their class in black and white

Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

East Midlands 12 Barbarians 40

The home side led 12—8 at the ... stage in the Mobbs Memorial game at Franklin's Gardens yesterday—a state of affairs which few can have carried ... down the wind, a black and ... Barbarian forward tide ... through relentlessly in the second half, in which period the Barbarians added six more tries—... of them by England's new back, Caplan, to the couple ... had already acquired.

The final scoreline on a sharp sunny afternoon was four goals and four tries for the Barbarians, a goal, a penalty goal, a dropped goal for the East Midlands. Cooper made a telling contribution to at least four of the Barbarian tries and what was found a spot, three-quarters on the left, from which he ... goals with aplomb. Perhaps he used the same divot each time: He kicked four goals together.

The Barbarians' loose forwards had an especially happy and productive afternoon. Tom David, putting his shoulder into the position with considerable ... distributed fruitfully. Leslie—in his first big representative game since recovering from injury—drove away him... popped up everywhere in ... and Dowson, the Yorkshire number eight, sold dummies at the back of the scrummage like a stand-off manqué.

The Midlands should have scored almost as soon as a good crowd settled in their seats, because ... sailed through from full back after a nice little feed by ... but Bignell, on the right knocked on a scoring pass.

However, Bignell at once made atonement with a splendid try-saving tackle on Evans.

Peck's kicking at scrum half helped to maintain their pressure down the wind, and Surguy soon put them six points up, first with a penalty for a lineout offence, and then with a drop shot.

The first Barbarians' try was a portent of later events. A drive by Dowson, David and Davis (one of the new members in the Welsh national party) and then another, for good measure, by David, all but led to a try by Dowson on the left. A second switch of direction had Gammell comfortably outflanking the defence on the other side.

Midlands replied to this with an excellent try of their own, Carter scything through the middle and giving Bignell, going full tilt, his chance to score in the corner. Surguy somehow persuaded his kick at goal to reach the target, whereupon two dummies by Dowson and a switch by Cooper had David storming over on the outside of Evans.

Caplan got his first try by final courtesy of Renwick, his second thanks to a thrust up the left by Cooper. In both these scores, Brynmor Williams also played an inventive part. Next, Cooper slipped his opponent's tackle to put in Swain (all these three tries being converted by Cooper) and thn Evans got one when Caplan came into the line as the extra man.

The penultimate score was snatched by Caplan after an imposing lineout peel by the Irish lock, Murray, and exploitation of the shorter side by Cooper. Finally, the Midlands now run ragged, Gammell stretched those long legs of his to touch down behind the posts and Cooper kicked another goal.



Gammell stretches the long legs that carried him to two tries for the Barbarians.

EAST MIDLANDS: P. Carter (Northampton); P. Bigell (Northampton), R. Chadwick (Bedford), C. MacKinness (Northampton), P. McGuckien (Northampton); J. Surguy (Northampton), I. Peck (Bedford); S. Watson (Bedford), M. Howor (Bedford), R. Smith (Northampton), R. Wilkinson (Bedford, captain), G. Poole (Northampton), A. Whitehouse (Bedford), V. Cannon (Northampton), S. Russell (Northampton).

BARBARIANS: D. W. N. Caplan (Headingley, England), W. B. B. Gammell (Edinburgh Wanderers, Scotland), J. M. Renwick (Hawick, Scotland), M. K. Swain (Moseley), G. L. Evans (Newport, Wales); M. J. Cooper (Moseley, England), D. B. Williams (Newport); J. McLauchlan (Jordanhill, Scotland, captain), D. F. Madsen (Gosforth, Scotland), T. A. Pryor (Redruth), C. Davis (Newbridge), J. Murray (Cork Constitution), T. P. David (Pontypridd, Wales), J. Dowson (Wakefield), D. G. Leslie (Dundee HSFP, Scotland).

Referee: P. E. Hughes (Manchester).

Both have will, only one has way

Richard Streeton

Loughborough 17 Bristol 0

Loughborough Students had too much flexibility in attack for a ... Bristol side at Twickenham yesterday and won the UAU rugby championship for the fifth time in the past six years. They scored ..., a penalty goal and two ... without reply, though they never permitted to become ... ant.

There were too many mistakes ... tactical shortcomings for the ... to reach the expected ... s. The kwill was there in ... sides to keep play open but ... marking, efficient tackling ... weaknesses in finishing power ... helped to restrict the flow. A ... wind also brought errors ... wake, not least in the kicking of both teams.

Bristol hardly had their share ... They had to make a late ... at centre when Harvey ... w because of a hamstring. Then after 25 minutes ..., their stand off half and ... kicker, retired with a head ... Barclay came on to play ... forward, with Bowrey going ... off and Evans moving ... re.

... had already missed ... penalty kicks when he ... and Wright was to miss ... ore chances. For Loughborough, Whiteley succeeded with only one of his five penalty chances and he missed two of his three conversion attempts. Two of his kicks were easy but it was a high proportion of failure. Loughborough also had a late change when their stand-off, Glynn, pulled out, but Owen showed himself to be a creative thinker in his place.

Bristol, who began with the wind behind them, owed much to their strong forwards for maintaining control in the first half. Troughton was always a stalwart in the rucks and Hobhouse, too, was a great worker. Horton and Cumber linked well when Chandler broke from the set pieces and Watson and Horsfall were elusive backs. To their credit, Bristol never deserted their short passing game and right to the end were trying to run the ball even from their own line.

Woodward, an England-under 23 player, was involved in all three tries. He stood out for his constructive approach in a Loughborough team whose attacking style was marked by rapid changes in the direction of their thrusts. The ball often passed through eight or nine pairs of hands with Hardy, the booker, usually involved. Their back row became increasingly rampant towards the end with Morgan excelling as forager and runner.

Loughborough led 4—0 at half time, Whiteley scoring a try after 10 minutes and hitting a post with his conversion attempt. Woodward carved the opening and Morgan carried on a drive to the left. Theball came back along the line and Whiteley was up for the scoring pass.

Early in the second half Whiteley kicked a 35-yard penalty after a lineout offence. Woodward then scored a try in the right hand corner after a movement across the field in which he looped with Bodenham. Near the end Woodward again broke through in an attack to the right hand corner before passing inside for Thomas to score under the posts. Whiteley converted.

LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS: A. Whiteley (Bingley GS); K. Williams (St Julian's HS), C. Woodward (HMS Conway), R. Bodenham (Brockley CS), P. Iddon (Merchant Taylor's, Crosby); R. Owen (Pen-y-dre, Merthyr), I. Wright (Hutton GS); M. Thomas (Duffryn CS), S. Hardy (Baddow CS, Chelmsford), I. Lindly (Bingley GS), J. Watts (Hangrove CS, Harlow), P. de Lacy (Hall CS), H. Thomas (Glyn GS), C. O'Callaghan (St Joseph's CS), M. Morgan (Maesydderwen CS).

BRISTOL: R. Wright (Woodlands, Coventry); I. Horsfall (Worth, Reading), D. Bowrie (Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Bristol), J. Watson (Broxbourne), M. Chapman (Hurstpierpoint); J. Masters (Sandbach), (sub. I. Barclay, Queen Elizabeth GS, Barnet), J. Chandler (Whitgift); W. Hobhouse (Eton), I. Paterson (Bangor GS), D. Doole (Harrow CGS), K. Francis (Skinner's, Tunbridge Wells), A. Troughton (Warwick), P. Cumber (Hampton), P. Horton (Solihull), A. Evans (Clifton).

Referee: R. C. Quittenton (London).

St Mary's get it right in the end

St Mary's 30 London 12

St Mary's, runners-up to St Bartholomew's last year, won the Hospitals Cup competition at Richmon yesterday, when they beat the London by two goals, a penalty goal, a dropped goal and three tries to a goal, a penalty goal and a dropped goal. Only in 1922, when Guy's beat the London 42-3, has there been a bigger aggregate of points in a hospitals final this century.

Conditions were ideal for backs prepared to run and St Mary's had the men for the job. For a spell in the first half, while the London were turning an 8-3 deficit into a 12-8 lead, St Mary's forwards looked as if they might have difficulty providing their talented backs with the kind of possession they needed. But everything came right in the end.

Scores tumbled out at the rate of one every five minutes or so. Condon put the London ahead with a 50-metre penalty for a line-out offence. Then Young scored a try for St Mary's when a London clearing kick went adrift in their own 22 and Greenhalgh gave the final pass. McKibbin made it 8—3 when Hickey picked the ball up in midfield after a short line-out in the London 22. In both cases Lewis was involved, with hand or boot, and in both the London defence was a trifle slow to react. Soon afterwards, the London were in front again. Holman scored a try, converted by Condon when he took a reverse pass from Michael Williams at a line-out in the corner, and Condon dropped a goal with his left foot from 35 metres. But it was 14—12 to St Mary's at half-time. Lewis scored the best try of the match. It began at a tapped penalty on halfway and the ball was moved left, then right, through several pairs of hands, including those of Hickey, Sampson and Elias, before Lewis plunged over in the corner. Greenhalgh converted.

The second half was less eventful, at least as far as the London were concerned. St Mary's steadily consolidated. Ralston scored a try and dropped a goal, Elias scored a try, and Greenhalgh kicked a penalty and a conversion. Ralston scored his try when the London probably expected him to drop a goal.

Stephen Hignell, younger brother of the England full back, was caught behind the London line and Ralston stood deep when the five-metre scrummage went down.

The cup itself disappeared last autumn from a locked showcase at St Bartholomew's. What St Mary's received yesterday was the original trophy, on loan for the occasion, from St Thomas's, who won it outright in 1890.

ST MARY'S: M. Meredith; C. Elias, A. McKibbon, M. Greenhalgh, R. Young (sub M. Williams); C. Ralston, A. Lewis; A. Moir, N. Dunkerton, N. Eneveldson, P. Sampson, J. Mountjoy, A. Wakefield, I. Lloyd, M. Hickey.

LONDON: S. Hignell; A. Williams, R. Holman, C. Lammiman, B. Whitmill; H. Condon, M. Williams; S. Young, D. Cussen, D. Chidwick, P. Szypryt, R. Err, TK. Lewis, O'Brien, S. Daniels.

Referee: R. F. Johnson (London).

END

Gloucester will bring 3,000 to London

Gloucester, the favourites, have ... the same team to meet ... in the quarter final of the ... Player Cup at Sudbury on ... y as that which has ... 57 points in the previous ... unds.

Although Gloucester have not been beaten by Wasps for three ... the Gloucester coach, ... Nicholls has warned ... complacency. "We were ... Wasps by 22 points in the ... at Kingsholm a few weeks ... then became careless and ... them to get back into the ... he said.

Gloucester expect to bring 3,000 ... ers to London and British ... ve laid on a special train. ... es threaten to rob Northampton of two key forwards for ... Player Cup quarter final tie ... ster. Their veteran No 8, ... ylor, the former British ... who limped off the field ... he cup victory over Wakefield still suffering with a calf strain and the lock, ... is standing by to switch ...

..., Northampton's line-out ... t, is troubled with a knee ... e sustained in the opening ... of the Wakefield game. ... are doubtful and Poole ... ght are expected to come ... e side to form a new ... row partnership.

French pick new wings to lift them above Wales

Toulouse, March 8.—The French selectors today dropped both wings in the only changes to France's team for their decisive five nations rugby match against Wales at Cardiff on March 18.

As expected, the inexperienced Louis Bilbao, who played his first international against Ireland on February 18, was dropped and replaced on the right wing by the speedy Guy Noves, of the Stade Toulousain club. More surprisingly, the selectors also dropped the left wing, Jean-Luc Averous, who has played 19 times for France, and replaced him with the less experienced Daniel Bustaffa, of Carcassonne.

Bustaffa made his first international appearance in France's second match against the New Zealand All Blacks at Paris on November 19, which the French lost 15—3. Averous played well against England but was less successful in the Scottish and Irish internationals, which France, the reigning champions, won with difficulty.

The selectors made no other changes in the team that will be trying to achieve a second grand slam for France. Wales have already won the triple crown, so the Cardiff match will decide the championship.

The selectors resisted the temptation to bring back Jean-Pierre Romeu, an outstanding place kicker, at stand-off, and reaffirmed their confidence in his 22-year-old replacement, Bernard Vivies, who has yet to find his feet in the international game.

FRANCE: J.-M. Aguirre (Bagnères); G. Noves (Stade Toulousain), C. Belascain (Bayonne), R. Bertranne (Bagnères), D. Bustaffa (Carcassonne); B. Vivies (Agen), J. Gallion (Toulon); R. Paparemborde (Pau), A. Paco (Béziers), G. Cholley (Castres), M. Palmié (Béziers), F. Haget (Biarritz), J.-C. Skrela (Stade Toulousain), J.-P. Bastiat (Dax, captain), J.-P. Rives (Stade Toulousain). Replacements: J. Perche (Bourg-en-Bresse), A. Vaquerin (Béziers), A. Guilbert (Toulon), J.-P. Lafforgue (Lourdes), F. Sangalli (Narbonne), A. Caussade (Lourdes).—Reuter.

Barnes retires

Ian Barnes, who won seven caps for Scotland at lock, yesterday pulled out of the Hawick team to meet the West of Scotland in the Scottish championship match at Mansfield Park on Saturday and announced his retirement. Barnes, who is 29, toured New Zealand with Scotland in 1975.

Trevaskis moves

Barry Trevaskis, the 21-year-old Falmouth and Cornwall right wing, is to join Bristol. Trevaskis first came to prominence for England Colts in 1974. He has been in the Falmouth first team since he was 16.

Casper and Charles face Lyle's youthful challenge

Nairobi, March 8.—Some of the leading professional golfers ... ng a field of 96 who tee ... orrow in the $55,000 Kenya ... ampionship.

... 2 professionals are joined ... show business and sport... sonalities and 16 leading ... amateurs. The tournament ... of the African circuit and ... played on the par-71 ... a Club course.

... itors who have had prac... nds over the 6,676 yards ... ay it is in excellent condi... ... st year's champion, Liam ... from Ireland, defends his title, but he faces stiff competition from Severiano Ballesteros (Spain), Billy Casper (United States) and Bob Charles (New Zealand). Ballesteros won the French, Japanese and Swiss open titles last year.

Casper, who is 47, won the Mexican open last year. He and Charles, the 41-year-old left-hander, are expected to be among the contenders for the $9,500 first prize. They will have to face the youthful challenge of Sandy Lyle (Britain), winner of the recent Nigerian open, the first leg of the African circuit.—Reuter.

Athletics

Three defending champions

Berlin, March 8.—East ... 's team for the European ... thletics championships in ... s weekend includes three ... champions, Thomas ... in the men's 60 metres ... Jürgen Straub (1,500 ... and Marlies Oelsner, ... cord holder over 100 ... nd competing over 60 ... Milan.

... eilschmidt, one of last ... outstanding jumpers, ... husband-and-wife pair, ... Jutta Kirst, in the high ... ents, and Ulrike Bruns ... Roock have both been selected for the women's 800 metres.

The East German team is as follows:

MEN: 60 metres, T. Munkelt; 800 metres, O. Beyer; 1,500 metres, J. Straub; 3,000 metres, J. Peter; high jump, R. Beilschmidt and E. Kirst; shot, M. Schmidt.

WOMEN: 60 metres, M. Delsner; 60 metres hurdles, J. Klier; 800 metres, U. Bruns and H. Roock; 1,500 metres, C. Wartenberg-Stoll; high jump, J. Kirst; long jump, H. Wycisk; shot, Margitta Dröse.—Reuter.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm) —	°C
Crans Montana	50	210	Poor	Crust	Poor	Cloud	11
South facing slopes icy							
Flaine	100	310	Good	Varied	Fair	Cloud	4
Powder on north facing slopes							
Kitzbühl	15	50	Fair	Spring	Worn	Fine	6
Runs to resort worn							
Seefeld	20	60	Fair	Crust	Fair	Sun	5
Ice and worn patches							
Val d'Isère	160	380	Good	Varied	Good	Fair	1
Powder on north facing slopes							
Voss	40	80	Fair	Varied	Poor	Snow	1
Good skiing on upper slopes							
Wengen	40	110	Good	Varied	fair	Cloud	3
Slush on lower slopes							

In the above reports supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
AUSTRIA					
Alpbach	5	40	Fair	—	-2
Axamer-Lizum	—	70	Hard	—	-7
Badgastein	0	65	Hard	—	-3
Berwang	—	70 110	Good	—	-7
Brand	10	110	Good	—	-2
Gargellen	50	130	Good	—	-4
Hochsölden	10	180	Good	—	-6
Iglo	0	35	Hard	—	-5
Ischgl	50	120	Good	—	-5
Kaprun	—	180	Good	—	-5
Lech	40	150	Good	—	-9
Lermoos	20	130	Good	—	-3
Lienz	40	105	Good	—	-3
Mayrhofen	0	60	Hard	—	-2
Mittersdorf	40	130	Good	—	-6
Obergurgl	80	180	Good	—	-5
Saalbach	25	70	Hard	—	0
Schruns	0	100	Hard	—	-1
Serfaus	10	80	Hard	—	-3
Wildschonau	20	40	Hard	—	-2
Zürs	140	190	Good	—	-12
FRANCE					
Alpe d'Huez	175	650	Good	Cloud	—
Chamonix	45	700	Good	Cloud	—
Courchevel	95	200	Good	Cloud	—
La Clusaz	60	240	Good	Cloud	—
La Plagne	185	280	Good	Cloud	—
Le Corbier	105	350	Good	Cloud	—
Les Arcs	95	220	Good	Sun	—
L Deux Alpes	170	750	Good	Cloud	—
Les Gets	70	150	Good	Sun	—
Les Menuires	85	310	Good	Cloud	—
Megève	85	160	Good	Sun	—
Méribel	85	230	Good	Cloud	—
Pra-Loup	80	220	Good	Sun	—
St Gervais	100	200	Good	Cloud	—
NORWAY					
Finse	140	170	Good	—	-11
Geilo	120	130	Good	—	-5
Gol	60	70	Good	—	-5
Lillehammer	75	115	Good	—	-3
Norefjell	170	190	Good	—	-3
Oslo	95	170	Good	—	-3
Blukan	125	140	Good	—	-3

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Islanders 5, Vancouver Canucks 2; Boston Bruins 7, St Louis Blues 3; Philadelphia Flyers 5, Atlanta Flames 5.

WORLD ASSOCIATION: Cincinnati Stingers 5, Quebec Nordiques 4; Houston Aeros 4, Edmonton Oilers 3.

Curling

AVIEMORE: International championship: Denmark B 8, Canadian Forces A 5; Highlands B (A. Cameron) 9, Switzerland A 8; Canada Vancouver 9, Aviemore 5; Aberdeen 10, Scotland Stranraer 5; Highlands C 7, Italy 5; ... B 4, Sweden 3; Inverness 13, Highlands D 3.

Racing

Sanedtki too advanced for her rivals at St Cloud

From Desmond Stoneham
Paris, March 8

Sanedtki, an 1,150-guinea yearling who now has a value of over £100,000, looks likely to outclass the field in tomorrow's Prix Edmond Blanc over seven and three-quarter furlongs at St Cloud. She will probably be followed home by the other filly in the race, Beaune, and third position could well be taken by Fulgus.

Sanedtki is using the Edmond Blanc, the first pattern race in France this season, as a stepping stone to the Metropolitan Handicap at Belmont Park in the United States where she may meet Seattle Slew and J. O. Tobin. I am informed by Sanedtki's connexions that she is well forward so tomorrow's event should just be a formality, particularly as the ground will be soft.

Last season Sanedtki put up many first-class performances but her defeat of Pharly in the Prix de la Foret was the most impressive and memorable. In August she took the Prix d'Astarte at Deauville and English racegoers caught a glimpse of the filly as she made a winning 1977 first appearance at Ascot in the 1,000 Guineas trial.

Beaune, who is now trained by Alec Head's daughter, Christiane, took a little time to find her form as a three-year-old but finished last season with three useful wins.

Marcel Boussac, though retaining Gerard Rivases as first jockey for 1978, will engage Yves-Saint-Martin for certain of his horses providing the former French champion is not claimed by Mahmoud Fustok.

RUNNERS: Aigle Blanc (G. Dubroeucq); Colombian Friend (J. Stenstroem); North Ball (H. Samani); Fulgus (J. Tallard); Ziethen (D. Richardson); Beaune (F. Head); Sanedtki (A. Lequeux).

Atlantic Bridge crosses shallow waters before Cheltenham deep

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Nothing is likely to happen on a racecourse between now and next Thursday that will dislodge Rodman from his firmly embedded position as favourite for the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham. But by winning part one of the record division of the novies' hurdle at Wincanton today Atlantic Bridge can at least stress that he is fit and well and ready for the most valuable race open only to four-year-olds in Britain and Ireland.

Only Rodman, Major Thompson and Bourbon Street are preferred to him in the betting for the Triumph. He has won his last two races as well as befits a horse who was once deemed good enough to run in Epsom's Derby trial, and now that his division has been split he ought to have no more than a profitable school in public.

With the second division being split for reasons of safety, Atlantic Bridge's task has become abundantly easier simply because his principal rival, Eltham, has been drawn in the other half. Having won what was only his second race under National Hunt rules by as much as 15 lengths at Kempton Park, Eltham would surely have been a decent opponent for Atlantic Bridge. As things have worked our Eltham ought to win his race more or less at his leisure and perhaps add the finishing touches to what could be another good day for his jockey, John Francome.

Pardon (2.0), Miss Boon (2.30) and Lord Browndodd (4.0) are other horses that Francome will be riding this afternoon with apparent chance of success. Lord Browndodd was transferred from Peter Cundell's yard to Fred Winter's stable five weeks ago solely that Francome would be able to ride him in this year's Grand National and when the former champion jockey is given the leg-up on to Lord Browndodd's back this afternoon they will be reunited in public for the first time since they finished second in the Topham Trophy at Liverpool last spring.

Lord Browndodd has been disappointing in the main this season but a change of scenery and routine can work wonders on a horse and if he is only somewhere near his best Lord Browndodd ought to have a good chance of winning the Red April Handicap Steeplechase.

Twelve months ago Richard Shepherd won the West of England Hunters Steeplechase riding his own horse, Long Lane, and he may do so again on that horse's younger half-brother, Mountolive, who was beaten only a head by Conchita in a similar race at Ludlow recently. Last season Mountolive won the BMW Gentlemen's Championship Hunters Steeplechase at Chepstow and he is preferred to Devil's Walk who won the Horse and Hound Cup at Stratford-on-Avon to the surprise of many.

At Stratford, John Thorne will be trying to win the Nigel Thorne Memorial Cup for the fifth year in succession. He has won this race four times. It is run in memory of his son who was killed in a road accident in 1969. He has a sound chance of winning it again, this time with his nine-year-old. Air General who was runner-up to Hinterland over the course and distance in February.

David Morley and his jockey, Bob Davies, seem to have every chance of landing a double at Stratford with Spanish Tan (3.15) and Babbling Brook (4.15). However, the best bet there could easily be Four Fathoms (4.45) who was sucessful at Fairyhouse and Leopardstown for Adrian Maxwell before he joined Alan Jarvis's stable. Four Fathoms ran well enough in the Victor Ludorum Hurdle at Haydock Park last Saturday, when he finished seventh but not far behind the first three, to suggest that he ought to win his division of the Snitterfield Novices' Hurdle comfortably.

STATE OF GOING (official): Stratford-on-Avon: Good to soft. Wincanton: Good to soft. Sandown Park (tomorrow): Good. Teesside Park (tomorrow): Steeplechase course, good; hurdles, good to soft.

Hallodri's target

Hallodri, one of Jim McCaughey's costly string of young jumpers, contributed a first instalment of £414 towards the 23,000 guineas he cost six months ago by winning the first division of the Ferry Novices Hurdle at Worcester yesterday. Provided the ground stays good, Hallodri will go to Cheltenham for the Sun Alliance Novicts Hurdle.

Full plate at Haydock

Haydock Park's new event, the £25,000 Royal Doulton Handicap Hurdle on May 1, has attracted 120 entries. All the leading Champion Hurdle possibles, including Night Nurse, Birds Nest and Sea Pigeon, may run in this race, the richest handicap hurdle on the calendar.

King for Beacon Light

Jeff King has again been booked to ride Beacon Light in the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham next Wednesday. King partnered the Bob Turnell-trained gelding into sixth place behind Night Nurse 12 months ago.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Seventh Moon, Superior Sam, Rambling Slave, Fish Imp, Firing Line.

Wincanton programme

2.00 NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o: £535: 2m)

2 00102 Barley Boy (D), G. Balding, 11-5 ... R. C. Bailey
5 00 Another Spring, R. Knipe, 10-10 ... Mr E. Woods 7
6 Benghazi Express, Mrs J. Pitman, 10-10 ... B. Smart
8 00 Bulging Pockets, N. Gaselee, 10-10 ... J. Snaith 5
9 0003 Early Thirties, J. Haine, 10-10 ... J. King
10 00 Frankenstein, S. James, 10-10 ... M. O'Halloran
11 Go Gently, J. Cobden, 10-10 ... R. R. Evans
13 0 Grand Hussar, L. Kennard, 10-10 ... G. McCourt
14 Henry Kissinger, D. Gandolfo, 10-10 ... P. Barton
15 4000 Ice Kit, R. Turnell, 10-10 ... S. C. Knight
17 0 Joss-Stick, J. Cann, 10-10 ... S. G. Knight 5
18 4400 Just Peep, V. Lay, 10-10 ... D. Sunderland
20 000 Marrakesh, I. Wardle, 10-10 ... S. Smith-Eccles
21 0 Mister Buck, D. Nicholson, 10-10 ... J. Suthern
25 244 Pardon, F. Winter, 10-10 ... J. Francome
26 0 Royal William, R. Armytage, 10-10 ... S. Parkyn
27 40023 Rye Grass, S. Kernick, 10-10 ... N. Kernick
29 0404 Sylvia's Dream, C. Hill, 10-10 ... G. Thorner
30 VG Girl, D. Darinall, 10-10 ... G. Darinall 5

5-2 Barley Boy, 7-2 Pardon, 7-1 Ice Kit, 8-1 Bulging Pockets, 10-1 Grand Hussar, Early Thirties, 14-1 Sylvia's Dream, Rye Grass, Mister Buck, 16-1 Marrakesh, 20-1 others.

2.30 BROADSTONE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £920: 2m)

202 121142 Perambulate (C-D), D. Barons, 9-11-11 ... G. Thorner
205 300212 Miss Boon (D), R. Head, 8-11-2 ... J. Francome
206 032140 Night Messenger, S. Pattemore, 6-10-8 ... Mr M. Adams 7
208 020-011 Tsuru (D), J. Cobden, 7-10-4 ... R. R. Evans
209 200-112 Firesilk, G. Balding, 7-10-2 ... R. Linley
210 4u4130- Bob Bunker (D), L. Kennard, 9-10-0 ... G. McCourt
211 411402 Soon For Sale (D), I. Wardle, 6-10-0 ... M. Leak 7
213 000- Trade Secret, Mrs E. Kennard, 8-10-0 ... C. Gray 7
214 34f3-p Not Often, W. James, 9-10-0 ... M. Barrett 7
215 p0p0 Formidable Lady, I. Gibbons, 5-10-0 ... P. Leando 7
216 022-310 Napoleon (D), B. Shaw, 11-10-0 ... Mr A. J. Wilson
217 00 Fair Georgian, W. Williams, 8-10-0 ... P. Leach
218 Eastern Magic, G. Strickland, 7-10-0 ... M. Floyd

6-4 Miss Boon, 3-1 Perambulate, 11-2 Soon For Sale, 8-1 Tsuru, 10-1 Firesilk, 16-1 Night Messenger, Bob Bunker, 25-1 others.

3.0 PORTMAN HURDLE (£1,212: 2m)

303 310103 The Dunce (D), F. Walwyn, 7-12-3 ... W. Smith
303 00p016 Wovoka (C-D), H. Payne, 7-11-0 ... P. Hobbs
304 40-2udu Lone Eagle (D), F. Winter, 6-11-9 ... J. Francome
306 003200 Gay Signal (D), D. Nugent, 6-11-2 ... S. Jobar
307 130004 Arctic John (D), J. Bradley, 8-11-0 ... G. Jones
309 0-11200 Ferry Point (C-D), L. Kennard, 8-10-13 ... G. McCourt
311 0-30212 Nescio (D), D. Barons, 7-10-5 ... M. Barrett 7
312 31140 Peter Grimes (D), R. Turnell, 5-10-2 ... A. Turnell
315 40002-3 Escapologist (D), I. Wardle, 6-10-0 ... M. Leak 7
315 1000-0 Staraigo (D), D. H. Jones, 9-10-0 ... J. Jenkins
316 200400 Waltzer, N. Ayliffe, 7-10-0 ... M. Ayliffe 7
317 0- Melody Time (D), D. H. Jones, 7-10-0 ... S. Smith-Eccles
320 210p-00 Pikey, B. Shaw, 7-10-0 ... Mr A. J. Wilson
321 00-p00 Master Skipper, F. Muggeridge, 6-10-0 ... T. Muggeridge 7
323 pa00 Aurige, I. Gibbons, 5-10-0 ... P. Leando 7

7-2 Nescio, 4-1 Escapologist, 5-1 The Dunce, 7-1 Ferry Point, 8-1 Arctic John, Peter Grimes, 10-1 Wovoka, 14-1 Lone Eagle, Gay Signal, 20-1 others.

3.30 WEST OF ENGLAND STEEPLECHASE (£573: 3m 1f)

401 4131p- Capelena, J. Cork, 10-12-7 ... Mr C. Down 7
402 23041-0 Devils Walk, M. Bishop, 10-12-7 ... Mr T. Rooney 7
403 234130- Devon Spirit (D), Mrs D. Pook, 13-12-7 ... Mr D. Pook 7
403 21-220f Double Action, P. Brookshaw, 7-12-7 ... Mr P. Brookshaw 7
405 23121-4 Horoscope, D. White, 13-12-7 ... Mrs R. White 7
406 1-2 Mountolive, R. Shepherd, 8-12-7 ... Mr R. Shepherd
409 Davey Rhodyn, P. House, 9-12-0 ... Mr J. Mead
411 French Garcon, J. Symons, 8-12-0 ... Mr J. Symons 7
413 0-0 Gipsy Love, H. Manners, 8-12-0 ... Mr K. Broomfield 7
413 Haywoods Signal, Mrs R. Coles, 9-12-0 ... —
414 ro- Irish Brandy, N. Bush, 9-12-0 ... Mr N. Bush 5
415 Killy Boy, Mrs D. Roe, 8-12-0 ... Mr K. Bishop 7
416 Latan Boy, Mrs A. Applevard, 9-12-0 ... —
417 f Northcote Hill, L. Worner, 9-12-0 ... Mr B. Stevens 7
418 Rajah IV, P. Doran, 12-12-0 ... Mr P. Doran 7
419 3p- Rugge Hill, R. Woodhouse, 11-12-0 ... Mr R. Woodhouse 7
421 Seo-O-Dul, J. Meaden, 10-12-0 ... Mr J. Meaden 7
422 f4- Sir Benfro, C. Lane, 12-12-0 ... Mr C. Lane 7
423 a22f2p- Snow Track, M. O Dorman, 10-12-0 ... Mr J. Porter 7
425 3 The Wrestler, I. Straight, 8-12-0 ... Mr G. Straight 7

7-4 Mountolive, 6-1 The Wrestler, 7-1 Devils Walk, 8-1 Gipsy Love, Double Action, 12-1 Devon Spirit, Horoscope, 14-1 Capelina, 16-1 Rugge Hill, 20-1 others.

4.0 RED APRIL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,090: 2m 5f)

502 023340 Lord Browndodd, F. Winter, 10-11-9 ... J. Francome
505 pub3-u4 French Canadian, R. Turnell, 10-11-9 ... A. Turnell
506 332120 Joint Venture (C-D), J. Old, 9-11-7 ... R. R. Evans
507 3131u3 The Clerk, D. Gandolfo, 13-10-13 ... P. Barton
508 f310 Not Lightly (D), T. Forster, 7-10-10 ... G. Thorner
509 012033 Tenecoon, T. Smith, 9-10-8 ... C. Brown 5
510 00-3040 Old Man Dimples, S. Pattemore, 11-10-2 ... Mr M. Adams 7
511 01p2u3 Bassant, P. Horton, 8-10-1 ... —
512 000400 Wembdon Hill, Mrs V. Cole, 8-10-0 ... —
513 10300-p Over Acting, G. Balding, 9-10-0 ... R. Linley
514 10-042p Flickity Prince, G. Bosley, 12-10-0 ... K. Bosley 5
515 pl2 Monkstown, H. Handel, 10-10-0 ... P. Richards
516 30f022 Pensive Prince, D. Barons, 10-10-0 ... P. Leach
517 0p-040p Shanes Castle, J. Duffy, 11-10-0 ... —
518 110003 Young Steve, H. Payne, 10-10-0 ... P. Hobbs
519 3342p1 March Rial (D), I. Gibbons, 9-10-0 ... P. Leando 7
520 u0-3020 Rosey Outlook, D. Barons, 10-10-0 ... M. Barrett 7
521 020 Twilight Spring, G. Stickland, 8-10-0 ... M. Floyd

4-1 Pensive Prince, 11-2 Joint Venture, 13-2 The Clerk, 7-1 Lord Browndodd, 8-1 Bassant, 10-1 Monkstown, 12-1 Young Steve, French Canadian, Not Lightly, 14-1 Henecoon, Flickity Prince, 16-1 Rosey Outlook, Old Man Dimples, 20-1 others.

4.30 NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: Part I: £452: 2m)

601 0211 Atlantic Bridge (D), G. Balding, 11-10 ... R. Linley
604 f Alice Clarke, D. Gandolfo, 10-10 ... P. Barton
608 Beauvalley, J. Bradley, 10-10 ... G. Jones
611 20p Christopher Robin, P. Cundell, 10-10 ... M. O'Halloran
614 0p0 Easy Pickens, W. Sleeman, 10-10 ... Mr G. Sleeman 7
617 00 Harry Barrons, Mrs E. Kennard, 10-10 ... P. Richards
619 Judicious, R. Weissenberg, 10-10 ... D. Sunderland
622 Red Brook, D. Darinall, 10-10 ... G. Darinall 5
624 p Peaceful Valley, C. Hill, 10-10 ... —
627 f Philotimo, W. Musson, 10-10 ... D. Goodwin 7
630 0 Ryans Prophet, P. Doran, 10-10 ... C. Walkins 7
633 Stoke Rivers, N. Ayliffe, 10-10 ... M. Ayliffe 7
641 Wild Beauty, J. Cobden, 10-10 ... R. R. Evans

1-7 Atlantic Bridge, 12-1 Christopher Robin, 14-1 Peaceful Valley, 16-1 Beauvalley, 20-1 Harry Barrons, 33-1 others.

5.0 NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: Part II: £452: 2m)

2 01 Eltham (D), F. Winter, 11-5 ... J. Francome
5 A Little Tipsey, J. Thorne, 10-10 ... P. Hobbs
10 Bronze King, D. Barons, 10-10 ... P. Leach
12 0420 Cindermouse, J. Jewell, 10-10 ... C. Brown 5
17 00 Enstone, V. Lay, 10-10 ... D. Sunderland
19 022 Jimmy Pegg, R. Turnell, 10-10 ... S. C. Knight
21 040 Last Ditch, Mrs P. Oughton, 10-10 ... N. Holman 5
25 O'er the Border, P. Calver, 10-10 ... A. Webber
26 300 Perfume, I. Wardle, 10-10 ... S. Smith-Eccles
28 000 Reliable Robert, R. Armytage, 10-10 ... J. King
29 00 Solidity, D. Nicholson, 10-10 ... J. Suthern
32 320 Vardes, H. Payne, 10-10 ... G. Thorner
33 00 Avec Amour, L. Kennard, 10-10 ... G. McCourt

8-13 Eltham, 5-1 Jimmy Pegg, 8-1 Last Ditch, 10-1 Vardes, 12-1 Cindermouse, 20-1 A Little Tipsey, Perfume, 25-1 others.

Wincanton selections

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2.0 Pardon. 2.30 Miss Boon. 3.0 The Dunce. 3.30 MOUNT OLIVE is specially recommended. 4.0 Lord Browndodd. 4.30 Atlantic Bridge. 5.0 Eltham.

Stratford-on-Avon programme

2.15 HONEYBOURNE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: Handicap: £790: 2½m)

4 0212p0 Lok Yee, R. Carter, 8-11-4 ... R. Atkins
6 03f133 Jackstones, D. Nicholson, 7-11-0 ... R. Dickin
8 312210 Low Profile, Earl Jones, 7-10-13 ... I. Watkinson
9 012f0f Couteau, M. Ryan, 7-10-8 ... A. Coogan 7
12 0-0003p Aloha Prince, R. Westbrook, 6-10-6 ... C. Tinkler
13 214u22 Frederick John, Mrs E. Kennard, 8-10-4 ... P. Richards
14 02-40 Inglewood, J. Thorner, 10-10-3 ... R. Hyett
16 2-00bfp Benfro Belle, D. Edmunds, 9-10-1 ... Mr McKie 7
17 320 Little Gnat, J. Edwards, 7-10-1 ... S. Norshead
19 210324 Glanfield, M. Bolton, 6-10-0 ... R. Powell
21 03213f Railway City, T. Forster, 6-10-0 ... J. Marshall 5
22 b00b40 Fruit Picker, D. Nicholson 6-10-0 ... R. Mangan
25 0p3022- Frozen aPth, Mrs E. Kennard, 9-10-0 ... Mr M. Reeves
26 004040 Polo Boy, W. Charles, 7-10-0 ... P. Barry 5

4-1 Frederick John, 9-2 Jackstones, 5-1 Railway City, 6-1 Low Profile, 8-1 Glanfield, Lok Yee, 10-1 Fruit Picker, Little Gnat, 12-1 Aloha Prince, Couteau, 16-1 others.

2.45 SNITTERFIELD HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o: Novices: £514: 2m)

2 000140 Deans Guy (D), T. Taylor, 11-0 ... R. Floyd
4 3100 MacKelly (D), J. Old, 11-0 ... C. Andy
7 0 Batuenville, R. Carter, 10-7 ... D. Briscoe
9 0000p King Kappa, M. Ryan, 10-7 ... A. Coogan 7
10 Overseer, M. Oliver, 10-7 ... D. Cartwright
12 0000 Sammy Souza, Mrs R. Lomax, 10-7 ... J. Kear 7
13 04p04 Sealegation, J. Spearing, 10-7 ... A. Webb 5
14 00300 Silent Tango, A. Blackmore, 10-7 ... Mr P. Webber 7
15 Stormalong, B. Hills, 10-7 ... Mr N. Henderson
16 0 Supercrown, J. Harris, 10-7 ... P. Tuck 7
17 00f0 Swift Hussar, M. Tate, 10-7 ... R. Hyett
18 Tillhammer Mill, F. Rimell, 10-7 ... J. Burke
19 0 Timely Gift, D. Morley, 10-7 ... B. R. Davies

7-4 Mackelly, 5-1 Stormalong, 4-1 Tillhammer Mill, 6-1 Deans Guy, 10-1 Timely Gift, 14-1 Sealegation, 20-1 others.

3.15 WELFORD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £987: 2m)

1 100-404 Spanish Tan (D), D. Morley, 10-12-0 ... B. R. Davies
2 30fp41 Graigue House (D), Miss S. Morris, 10-11-7 ... E. Wright
3 3404-14 Stone Thrower, R. Head, 11-11-5 ... M. Floyd
5 342142 Exhibit B (D), F. Walwyn, 9-10-2 ... K. Mooney 5
8 33224-2 September Rain (D), C. Wales, 10-10-0 ... P. Haynes
9 10-0440 Takasaki (C-D), J. Perrett, 10-10-0 ... K. Whyte 7
10 up04-00 Adam's Brake, M. Tate, 8-10-0 ... C. Smith

5-2 Graigue House, 3-1 Spanish Tan, 4-1 Exhibit B, 5-1 September Rain, 8-1 Stone Thrower, 10-1 Takasaki, 20-1 Adam's Brake.

3.45 NIGEL THORNE STEEPLECHASE (£471: 3¼m)

2 214- Armoured Car (D), J. Cunningham, 11-12-5 ... Mr J. Cunningham 5
3 2223-03 Adulation (C-D), R. Roberts, 11-12-0 ... Mr R. Roberts
4 0p20-02 Air General (C-D), M. Thorne, 9-12-0 ... Mr M. Thorne
5 310-p Caddam Wood, G. Nicholson, 9-12-0 ... —
6 0- Dandy Man, Mrs H. Mobley, 9-12-0 ... Mr A. Mobley 7
8 0- General Diva, M. Thorne, 9-12-0 ... Miss D. Thorne 7
9 p Glenkiln, P. Pauling, 15-12-0 ... Mr H. Pauling 7
10 p1- Holmby Lad, C. Saunders, 9-12-0 ... Mr C. Saunders
11 402p-pp Indian Red, P. Mann, 15-12-0 ... Mr M. Mann 7
13 333p- Rol-Dal, Miss S. Pilkington, 11-12-0 ... Mr M. Wilson
15 0 Romanus, J. Hawkins, 9-12-0 ... Mr Hawkins 7
17 f03320- The Trout, J. Evetts, 10-12-0 ... Mr D. Evetts 7

9-4 Air General, 7-2 Adulation, 5-1 Armoured Car, 6-1 Holmby Lad, 8-1 The Trout, 10-1 Rol-Dal, 12-1 General Diva, 16-1 others.

4.15 BRIDGETOWN HURDLE (Handicap: £622: 2m)

3 001 Babbling Brook (D), D. Morley, 6-11-8 ... B. R. Davies
6 302-210 Indian Sol (D), C. Drew, 6-11-5 ... J. Marshall 5
10 034040 Benevolence (C-D), W. Clay, 5-10-13 ... N. Clay
11 420-000 High Drama (D), Rev Carter, 6-10-10 ... D. Briscoe
12 110-000 Queluz, M. Tate, 5-10-8 ... C. Smith
13 102020- Border Bally, C. O'Neill, 9-10-7 ... A. Webb
14 00004 Firetail (D), D. Gandolfo, 7-10-7 ... R. Dickin
16 002004 Comet Kohoutek (C), R. Atkins, 6-10-6 ... R. Atkins
17 30-0000 Mr Marlsbridge (D), R. Vibert, 5-10-6 ... C. Candy
18 221420 Welsh Treaty, Rev Carter, 6-10-6 ... —
20 034400 Maygo (C-D), A. Sutton, 6-10-4 ... F. Morris
22 0f-0020 Yachtsman (D), A. Perry, 8-10-0 ... A. K. Taylor
23 201p- Militaire, G. Pike, 7-10-0 ... R. Floyd
24 0-001ub Lucgy Ambition (D), C. Edmunds, 5-10-0 ... Mr I. McKie 7
26 p-04214 Tudor Maestro (D), M. Low, 6-10-0 ... B. Jones
27 00fr0-0 Jamaya (D), W. Charles, 8-10-0 ... M. Charles 5

5-2 Babbling Brook, 4-1 Comet Kohoutek, 5-1 Benevolence, 6-1 Indian Sol, 10-1 Firetail, Maygo, 12-1 High Drama, 14-1 Mr Marlsbridge, 20-1 others.

4.45 SNITTERFIELD HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o: Novices: £520: 2m)

1 0110 Four Fathoms (D), A. Jarvis, 11-7 ... S. O'Neill 5
3 20100 Busch, R. Isgar, 11-0 ... Mr R. Isgar 7
4 001 Tuffnut Prince (D), S. Mellor, 11-0 ... —
5 0001 *Warrenwood Park, D. Morley, 11-0 ... —
8 00b0 Crown Bowler, F. Rimell, 10-7 ... J. Burke
9 Doball, F. Owen jun, 10-7 ... R. F. Davies
11 00 *Friendly Kiss, M. Salaman, 10-7 ... —
12 04 Gay Twenties, Rex Carter, 10-7 ... D. Briscoe
13 000 Hallez-Loup, M. Smyly, 10-7 ... Mr N. Henderson
14 000 Jack Somers, C. Miller, 10-7 ... D. Cartwright
15 2030 Kanstyle, G. Blum, 10-7 ... I. Watkinson
19 0 Native Surprise, M. Ryan, 10-7 ... A. Coogan 7
21 3 Prince Lancing, J. S. Evans, 10-7 ... M. Floyd
22 00 Princely Call, J. P. Jones, 10-7 ... C. Tinkler
24 200 Seago, D. Ancil, 10-7 ... E. Waite 7
25 Shadey Dove, G. H. Price, 10-7 ... C. Price 7
26 Spartan Major, J. Edwards, 10-7 ... P. Blacker

Evens Four Fathoms, 5-1 Prince Lancing, 6-1 Seago, 10-1 Tuffnut Prince, 12-1 Crown Bowler, 14-1 Gay Twenties, 20-1 others.

* Doubtful runner

Stratford-on-Avon selections

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2.15 Railway City. 2.45 Stormalong. 3.15 Spanish Tan. 3.45 Air General. 4.15 Babbling Brook. 4.45 FOUR FATHOMS is specially recommended.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Alloha Prince. 2.45 Timely Gift. 3.15 Spanish Tan. 4.15 Babbling Brook. 4.45 Kanstyle.

Worcester results

2.0 (2.5) FERRY NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £556: 2m)

Hallodri, b h, by Honorius—Belle Princesse (J. McCaughey), 8-11-7 .. J. Burke (11-8 fav) 1
Hunting Cry, I. Watkinson (30-1) 2
Woburn .... J. King (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 Admetus (u), 8-1 Thomso (4th), 9-1 Melody River, 16-1 Ten Pointer, 33-1 Portella, Tabernacle (p), Herons Copper, Vagabond, 50-1 Clear Beat, Hello Central, Kings Carol, Manbolino, Matey, Scot Lane, Switcher (p), Lindwall (f), Rocket's Pal. 20 ran.

TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 14p, 85p, 21p; dual forecast, £4.62. F. Rimell, at Severn Stoke. 4l, 10l.

2.30 (2.33) SIDBURY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £962: 2m)

Stary Dyker, b g, by Rosyfield—Why So Blue (Mrs B. Heath), 8-11-4 M. Floyd (9-4 fav) 1
Caisgore .... P. Richards (6-2) 2
Vido .... A. Webber (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Party Line (4th), 33-1 Stand Clear, 50-1 Border Larck, Armed Robbery (f). 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 20p, 11p; dual forecast, 41p. F. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 2l, 3l.

3.0 (3.4) WYCHBOLD HURDLE (Handicap: £791: 2½m)

Ordnance Hill, ro g, by Town Crier—Eruption (N. Gibson), 6-10-0 J. Jenkins (11-2) 1
Winscombe .. S. C. Davies (20-1) 2
Palace ...... G. McCourt (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Spider Man, 6-1 Fighting Taffy, 7-1 Fortune Cookie, 8-1 Tempest Girl (4th), 10-1 Yule Log, 14-1 Venturer, 16-1 Pick Me, 20-1 Doodle Bug, Transformation, 33-1 Tarrant (p), 50-1 Spilling, Parry on Father, La Chica, Major Role, Lord Lea. 19 ran.

TOTE: Win, 66p; places, 17p, £1.86p, 19p, 20p; dual forecast, 79p. D. Haydn-Jones, at Pontypridd. 7l, 1l.

3.30 (3.32) KING JOHN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,402: 3m 5f)

Toy Flag, b g, by Le Tricolore—Doll Fair (Mrs G. Lyon), 11-10-5 .... G. Thorner (5-1) 1
Bentley Boy .. J. Suthern (33-1) 2
Ormonde Tudor .. P. Barry (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Master Upham, 11-2 Caniabet, 7-1 Don Pasquale (p), 14-1 Alexangle, 16-1 William Penn (4th), 20-1 Bourdon (u), Willow Hound (f), 25-1 Black Tudor (p), Herminius, 50-1 Saldakan (r), 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 15p, £1.51, 60p; dual forecast, £18.20. 2l, 10l. T. Forster, at Wantage.

4.0 (4.1) MARK FIVE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,097: 3m)

Fezeyet, br g, by Fez—Anneyot (L. Watts), 9-10-0 Mr J. Darlington (6-1) 1
Border Mark Mr M. Chamberlayne (5-1) 2
Moonstone Lad Mr C. Saunders (100-30 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Flippant Fred, 13-2 Capuchin (u), 7-1 Happy Ranger (f), 14-1 Top Three, 16-1 Golden Ranner (p), 20-1 Shraden Sparkle, 25-1 Coolaru (f), 33-1 Bell-Amys (4th), Last Trick, The Suckley Squire (f). 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 76p; places, 19p, 11p, 59p; dual forecast, £2.20. Hd, 1½l. Mrs R. Lomax, at Marlborough.

4.30 (4.34) FERRY NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £584: 2m)

Ribramble, gr g, by Ribero—Bramble (Mrs M. Pulling), 6-11-7 .... C. Candy (8-1) 1
Bright Fergus, Mr J. Jackson (33-1) 2
Blue Brass, J. Francome (8-11 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Pucka Fella, 10-1 Coral King, Friendly Kiss, 20-1 Cheltenham (4th), Lochside, Niagara Rhythm (r), 25-1 Sabot Rouge, 33-1 Beau Lord, Shadrio (f), Mister Johnnie, 50-1 Talacques, Lady Sunshine, Look North, Lovers 1st, Penny's Affair, Top Spot, Holy Red (p), Read's Boy (p). 21 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.34; places, 29p, 44p, 13p; dual forecast, £14.77. Alice Rose, Bargey Boy and Dienau did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Ordnance Hill and Fezeyet, £9.45. TREBLE: Star Dyker, Toy Flag and Ribramble, £176.40. JACKPOT: Not won. PLACE POT: £22.30.

Catterick Bridge

2.15 (2.16) RUGBY HURDLE (Handicap: £520: 2m)

Bells Lad, ch g, by Farm Walk—Final Bell (R. St Quinton jun), 8-9-13 .... M. Lowry (7-2 fav) 1
Happy Call .... D. Atkins (20-1) 2
Rolus .... C. Mann (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 15-2 Roaming Minstrel (4th), 10-1 Just Spider, Mercadem, Downing Arms, 11-1 Mruda Manor, 12-1 Seaton Sands, 14-1 Lirico, Naval Whistler, Sea Wanderer, 20-1 Just About, Paradise Flight, Prince Ardent, Security Council, Soshazome, 33-1 Solamba, Coal Bag Kate, Caleta Prince, Dan Bornu (p), Camp Reserve, Miss Kennedy, Greek Son (f), Abbey Style. 25 ran. Sunlit Spar did not run.

TOTE: Win, 42p; places, 16p, £2.00, 17p, 16p; dual forecast (winner with any horse), 17p. E. Carter, at Malton. 1½l, 1½l.

2.45 (2.45) NEWBY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,152: 2m)

Funny Baby, br m, by Fable Amusant—Wonder Baby (H.-Cp R. Martin), 7-11-0 M. Dickinson (8-11) 1
Wily Talke .... A. Brown (50-1) 2
Wylam Boy .. Mr T. C. Dun (1-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 15-2 Hold Warrior (u), 10-1 London Express, 20-1 Catch the Wind, Charist (4th), Welton Lad, 33-1 Meteorologist (u). 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 15p; places, 11p, 50p, 16p; dual forecast, £2.11. G. Fairbairn, at Hallington. 1½l, 4l.

3.15 (3.16) HORNBY HURDLE (Division I: Pt I: £454: 2m)

Great Echo, b h, by Great White Way—Miss Echo (A. Scott), 8-11-4 .... R. Lamb (4-1) 1
Hit The Roof .. S. Charlton (11-2) 2
Royal Audition D. Atkins (3-1 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Palace Royal, 7-1 Kellor Brig (4th), 9-1 Walter, 14-1 Kit's Future, 20-1 Sweet Pretender, Spancil Hill, 25-1 Moonstone Prince, 33-1 Perno, Venalis (p), Beirib, Sir Pelleas, Uncle Jack (p). 15 ran. Frosty Park did not run.

TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 30p, 34p, 11p; dual forecast, £1.45. A. Scott, at Wooperton. 1½l, 4l.

3.45 (3.48) BUSBY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,452: 3m 300yd)

Caldbeck, b g, by Drumbeg—Night Mist (D. Macdonald), 8-10-11 R. Lamb (6-1) 1
West End Lad .. D. Atkins (10-1) 2
Trearron ...... R. Barry (5-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Angel Clare (f), 12-1 Forest King (4th), Silkstone, 33-1 Young Thomas (p), 50-1 Foresall (p). 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 80p; places, 16p, 16p, 20p; dual forecast, £1.00. D. MacDonald at Cockermouth. 3l, 20l.

4.15 (4.17) GIRSBY STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £790: 3m 300yd)

Sun Lion, br g, by Sunny Way—Winmars Krokus (J. Cummings), 8-11-10 ...... R. Barry (5-6) 1
Charming Scot A. Dickman (25-1) 2
Coleraine .... M. Murphy (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Kruganko (f), 9-1 Dunmarc (f), Snowdrift, 12-1 Elecanus, 20-1 Coraliety (f), Pickwood Knight (u), Wagner (f), 33-1 Noble Heart, 50-1 Rockrimmon Road (4th), Big Fred (p), 100-1 Old Tot (b). 11 ran. Sionnaigh Belatina VI did not run.

TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 11p, 51p, 31p; dual forecast, £4.15. G. W. Richards at Greystoke. 15l, 4l.

4.45 (4.48) HORNBY HURDLE (Div II: £454: 2m)

Lez, b g, by Keren—ERS (N. Chamberlain), 4-10-8 Mr T. G. Dun (8-1) 1
Allerdale .. J. L. Goulding (4-1) 2
Mirster Melody Mrs A. Cousins (33-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Labrica, 5-1 Pretendent, 10-1 All Divine, 12-1 Professo, 14-1 Lightning Brigade, Memerton, 16-1 Blue Brigand, Prince Almeria (p), 20-1 Exim Tune, Gloom, 25-1 Johnny Tarquin (4th), Garbally Girl, La Conlistron, Sir Philip, 33-1 Linthorne, Open Doors, Roker Park, Valley of Rocks (u), True Friend (f). 22 ran. I'm a Driver, Rovaldieu did not run.

TOTE: Win, £1.25; places, 31p, 36p, £2.56; dual forecast, £3.60. W. A. Stephenson, at Bishop Auckland. 1½l, 3l.

5.15 (5.16) HORNBY HURDLE (Div I: pt 2: £454: 2m)

Treasure Island, br g, by Pieces Of Eight—Atrevida (M. Pillinger), 4-10-5 K. McCauley (7-4 fav) 1
Sorceress .... P. A. Charlton (7-1) 2
Nisbet-Ann .... B. Ellison (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Romany Light, 7-1 Lickun, 10-1 King's Confident, 11-1 Oil Man (4th), 14-1 Marron Dene, 20-1 Metals, 33-1 Norsill, Arthur Horwell, Deneton Spirit, Gale Lot (f), Sweet Champagne, Bally Prinza. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, 26p; places, 25p, 28p, 59p; dual forecast, £1.56. J. Turner, at Wellerby. 4l, 10l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Great Echo and Sun Lion, £17.80. TREBLE: Funny Baby, Caldbeck and Lez, £114.55.

Can Mr Callaghan keep his hard-won image?

Ronald Butt

So successful has Mr Callaghan been with his carefully inflated statesmanlike demeanour that it has seemed almost impossible, until recently, for Mrs Thatcher to puncture the calm of his self-confidence. What is more, the appearance quite fairly seemed, in one crucial respect, to be matched by the reality. During the worst of the economic crisis, the Prime Minister honourably responded to the national interest even though this obliged his Government to adopt policies usually more favoured on the Conservative than the Labour side of politics.

Admittedly this was no great political hardship for Mr Callaghan since in that crisis statesmanship and sensible politics demanded the same thing. There would certainly have been no political survival for him if, by unstatesmanlike activities, he had so managed matters as to allow an economic blizzard to sweep Labour away.

Whatever the motives, however, Mr Callaghan served the country well during the economic crisis. Yet underneath the statesman, or perhaps it would be better to say, hand-in-hand with the statesman, there is a restless and calculating party politician always at work.

In the last few weeks, the statesman's demeanour has slipped to reveal that the politician beneath is apparently less sure of himself than he wishes to appear. This has repeatedly happened at Question Time in the Commons. Previously, Mr Callaghan had carefully avoided being goaded by Mrs Thatcher, or becoming tangled in argument with her. Now he attacks her viciously and personally. She has only to ask about (say) unemployment or production to be accused of foul play. In one bizarre episode recently, Mr Callaghan after trying to dodge a persistent question from Mrs Thatcher, lashed out and accused her of "totally irrelevant questions", of "pious platitude" that was "totally meaningless, full of froth and with a kind of spurious gentility we have come to associate with her."

That is the sort of episode to which Mr Callaghan had seemed increasingly tempted in recent weeks, *though there have* been signs in the past day or two that he is trying to put temptation behind him. Similarly, he has orchestrated the attack on Mrs Thatcher over immigration as though butter wouldn't melt in his own mouth and as though the political (as distinct from the high-minded) aspects of immigration policy would never cross his own mind. But consider Richard Crossman's diary:

December 16, 1968 "... another meeting of the Immigration Committee under Callaghan ... given a report ... that we were going to have trouble from Africa, which might expel 30,000 Asians. There was general awkwardness around the table because both Jim and I made it perfectly clear that in our view it would be intolerable even to consider accepting them, and we would have to decide what measures could be used to stop them if this threat were to materialize. The most important thing was that it should be known outside that we were determined to stop them coming in ..."

June, 1970 "... motored to Smethwick ... Racialism has been extremely violent ... (but) there is no doubt that stopping immigration, which was one of Callaghan's great achievements, has done an enormous lot for us. ..."

Well, we live in other times, and Mr Callaghan may claim that Mrs Thatcher cannot today do any more about immigration than his Government is doing. But logically, he is hardly in a position to say that she is immoral in stating her intention to try because she believes that good race relations depend on controlling immigration more effectively—which was *precisely his own position.*

We are now probably in the run up to an October election because it increasingly seems unlikely that the next year will allow Mr Callaghan to wait until then. He can take comfort from the reduction of the pro-Tory swing to 7 per cent at Ilford on the grounds that if Labour went into an election in this position, then the normal two to three point movement to the Government during the election campaign would reduce it to 4 or 5 per cent at least. This would give the Tories hope of no more than 10 or 15 majority, and leave Labour with at least a chance of winning. Some of his advisers point out that in past elections, governments have eliminated a bigger swing against them than the present one.

That is what Mr Callaghan has to try to do in the next six months. An expansionist Budget and an easier trend with wages is expected to help. On every question of the day, from the economy and unemployment to immigration, the Government will try to drive it home that the Conservatives could do no differently except where they would do worse. In this pre-election campaign, the face of the statesman and the face of the politicians are likely to be donned with rapid alternation by the Prime Minister.

Yet I suspect that something about the other side of Mr Callaghan's statesmanship has shown through to the public during the past few weeks, and that the viciousness of his personal attacks on the Opposition leader will make it much harder for him to present himself as more statesmanlike than she is, both before the election and during the campaign.

Indeed, if the stresses of the past few weeks have so disconcertingly uncovered more of the real Mr Callaghan behind his bland apparently straightforward exterior, it seems likely that he will be revealed even more bleakly as the politician read in tooth and claw when the election comes and his not always solid nerve is under that extra strain.

The election will be exceptionally rough with no holds barred. But it would be foolish to suppose that the electorate will make its decision purely under the influence of the short-term considerations between Mr Healey's expansionist Budget and the autumn. The electors are likely to vote, as they did in 1970, on the Government's record during its *whole* period of office.

Since Mr Callaghan took over, that record *has been better* than that of the 1964-70 Labour government. Yet it is a record with many flaws and its advantages stem almost entirely from Labour's minority position in Parliament. It is no guide to the predictable performance of another Labour government with a real majority which is what, to carry conviction. Mr Callaghan must ask for. When the Tories focus their attack on a future with Labour, it may be harder still for Mr Callaghan to prevent himself from subordinating the statesman in him to the politician.

Why Mr Wright and Mr Duffy each want Mr Scanlon's job

● Ballot papers go out tomorrow to 905,258 members of the dominant engineering section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers in a critical second ballot for a new president to succeed Mr Hugh Scanlon. In the first round of voting last autumn, the moderate canadidate Mr Terry Duffy polled 83,959 votes, only 356 more than his militant rival Mr Bob Wright. Several left-wing candidates have dropped out, and 22,000 votes cast for them are up for bids.

The election is crucial for the engineering workers, for the wider labour movement and for the Government. It will be a barometer of craft opinion on the shopfloor about the social contract, wage restraint and the engineers' rapidly-disintegrating amalgamation with the communist-led white collar section, the Technical and Supervisory Section (Tass).

Quite apart from the political and policy differences, there is also considerable personal animosity in the contest. Mr Duffy ousted Mr Wright from his seat on the AUEW executive council three years ago when secret postal balloting for office was introduced for the first time in the union's 150-year history. Both candidatures are the result of caucus politics within the union. Mr Duffy was chosen by moderate activists and full-time officials at a private meeting in Leeds a year ago, and Mr Wright's nomination for the broad left coalition came a later at a similar meeting of left-wingers in Birmingham.

The Times asked both candidates for their views on four key questions, and their replies are printed below.

Paul Routledge
Labour Editor



1. *Why do you want to be president* of the engineering workers' union?
2. What kind of policies, particularly on pay, do you want the union to pursue?
3. What are your views about the union's relationship with this Government, and a possible future Conservative administration?
4. How would you describe your own political outlook, and how does it relate to your trade union activity?



Power in the land

WRIGHT

Mr Bob Wright, aged 56, the standard bearer of the Broad Left coalition, is a trade union official cast in the classic socialist mould who brings an Arnoldian high seriousness to the business of politicking for office.

Respected for his negotiating skills even by his critics in the labour movement and by employers, he is a product of the Manchester school of trade union militancy that threw up Mr Hugh Scanlon, whose tenure as president shook the engineering workers' traditional *right-wing orthodoxy.* Only recently has the union's volatility settled back into respectability.

He was born in the cotton metropolis suburb of Heaton Park, the eldest of six children, and had an elementary schooling in Stockport though he went on to study electrical engineering to national certificate level at Manchester College of Technology. He served his apprenticeship as a turner at Mather and Platt, and by the age of 17 was active in the labour movement. He was among the leaders of the "apprentices' revolts" in 1937 and 1940.

Mr Wright became a shop steward at the age of 23 in 1944, while on war work at Oil Well Engineering in Stockport. He joined the Labour Party the same year. Election as works convener and wider activity in the labour movement followed, and he became president of the Lancashire federation of trades council, a power in the land.

He was elected to the AEU National Committee, its policy-making body, in 1952, and served until 1956 when he successfully stood for full-time office as Stockport district secretary, moving later up the ladder of officialdom to assistant divisional organizer. In 1968 he was elected to the executive council as successor to the man he was always tipped to follow, Hugh Scanlon, and remained there until he was unseated by his present rival in 1975.

He was on the dole for 7½ months after losing his seat, and he was offered lucrative managerial positions in industry, notably in the car industry where his formidable presence on the other side of the negotiating table had commanded wide respect. But he was not tempted, and came back from the wilderness with a surprisingly easy win against a well-publicized moderate, Mr John Weakley, for the post of assistant general secretary. It was a big change from negotiating, but *the job* has its compensations (chiefly political).

His impressive showing in the national ballot for AGS, as opposed to his catastrophic failure in the regional voting for the executive, suggests that he is better placed in the second round to pull in the extra votes needed to win the coveted prize of presidency.

Q1. I think in the present setting I have something to offer the membership. I have the experience and ability to fill the job, and *I think* there are very challenging issues to be faced up to: wages, our serious economic and industrial problems. I want to see the union developing a strategy not just reacting to other people's strategies. And I want to see a positive wage policy based on free collective bargaining. Finally, we must tackle the issues of unemployment that have been largely ignored.

Q2. No trade union can live in a position where its wages policies are determined either by the government or any other external force, including the TUC. It is the responsibility of a trade union to negotiate the best possible wages, and free collective bargaining is the only avenue to achieve that. So I am a firm supporter of a return to that function of the trade union movement without direct legislative or imposed restraints. We have a low-wage economy in this country, and I reject the presumption that wages are responsible for our economic problems.

Q3. In a free and democratic society, a trade union's first responsibility is to its members, but it would be foolish to disregard the economic policies of the government of the day. It is inevitable that with a Labour government we have a direct association in political terms, so the degree of exchange and involvement is much clearer. Now with a Tory government, we have to recognize they represent industrial and financial interests that are often in conflict with trade union interests. That does not mean there will not be issues on which we have to make our representations. I would certainly not baulk that, particularly if we are talking about pensions, industrial investment strategy and taxation policies which are part of the role of unions.

Q4. I am a very firm socialist who has rooted objections to a system of basic capitalism which is in direct conflict with the interests of working people. I express this through what is described as the left wing of the party, of which I have been a member for some 34 years. I also recognize the need for a clear alternative for our industries that have been declining, principally through a lack of planning and investment, and this must be given great priority—which means public intervention. There has been a developing void in leadership credibility. I intend to eliminate that void and involve the rank-and-file leadership in every facet of our union's work.

Spectacular victory

DUFFY

Q1. Many members and officials, including men of high calibre such as John Boyd (AUEW general secretary) felt that I have the qualities and attributes to make a good president. It is by their recommendation I am accepting the challenge, not out of personal ambition. I belong to a moderate group of people, and they felt I was the right candidate; that is why I have accepted the nomination. It has not been egotism or self-aggrandisement that has put me on this road. It is other people pushing me.

Q2. I want to persuade our members to project their minds beyond the immediate pay day. We must obtain real purchasing power for our people, and a prerequisite of that is to combat inflation. Though I wasn't on the executive when the decision was taken to support the social contract, there was no alternative but to assist the government of the day. I went along with stages one and two. I am a little disappointed that there has not been any elasticity to repair anomalies but I believe there is a need to cooperate with the Government in obtaining a real advancement towards a better society. I also feel you cannot obtain progress towards better wages and conditions unless you make your factory a viable unit.

Q3. Whatever the government of the day there will still be a need for the trade unions to explore common interests. We always look for sympathetic legislation, and history has proved that a Labour government gives us more. However if the Tories get in I think they will realize that conflict will not improve the nation, and we, the trade union movement, will need to pursue sympathetic legislation irrespective of whatever government is in. My affinity has been and is with the Labour Government. But if the Tories get in I don't feel that should necessarily lead to conflict. We will still obtain advancement whatever government is in.

Q4. When I came out of the forces in 1946, I became active in the trade union movement, the trades council and the Labour Party. I term these the three wings of our movement, and although I was chairman of Wolverhampton Labour Party, I have always resisted attempts to put me on either the municipal list or the parliamentary list, so I have had more affinity with the trade union movement than the Labour Party. I am opposed to all extremism—fascism, communism and Trotskyism—because I believe this nation is the best nation I have ever been in. If you want democracy, it is slow and cumbersome, but it is certainly a better society than anything they can provide.

Mr Terry Duffy, aged 55, a former shop steward in the aerospace industry who rose from the obscurity of a divisional organizer in his native Wolverhampton to the executive council of the AUEW in a spectacular defeat of his present rival, in 1975.

He is a well-built man, more than middle height, with clipped military moustache, upright bearing immediately betray his army years, first a physical training instructor and then as an infantryman who saw active service in North Africa, Italy and Greece.

Born in a "back to back" house in a working-class area where lavatories and the water pump were communal, he was the second of 11 children. He attended St Joseph's Roman Catholic elementary school and left at the age of 14 for work in a local sheet metal works. Like many another of his generation in the 1930s, he found up at the age of 17: in making field kitchens he went to eating off them. After the long war that saw him through four regiments, he went back to Wolverhampton to work.

The immediate postwar years were unsettled because he had not got a trade. Times have changed, and he could not compete with his *confrères* who had stayed behind and learned new skills. But he became active in the labour movement and was elected a shop steward with the old AEU in 1951 at the Norton Villiers car factory, then employing 1,200 men but now defunct.

Life as a shop steward found "a very onerous job" though he pays tribute to the good work, arguing that they have been in the forefront of progress. He moved on to full-time space and for 14 years was a lay official, including convenor and a member of the divisional committee. He never made the elite 52-man policy-making national committee of the AUEW which lays down policy, but he was elected on a moderate ticket as assistant divisional organizer in 1969, in an area with a huge concentration of membership.

His performance in the 1973 executive council election, when he beat Bob Wright (then widely regarded as Scanlon's heir apparent) was something of a watershed in the union's political and electoral development. It was no accident that his victory coincided with the introduction of the postal vote. The large turnout of moderate voters in this curiously elongated division, taking in the heartland of Manchester, the traditionally moderate Black Country, the motor industry and stretching right down to Milton Keynes, was unprecedented. If that turnout can be repeated on a national scale, Duffy is home and dry.

If Mr Duffy wins, it will signal the end of the post-merger amalgamation.

Rhodesia: exploding some myths

My first impression of Salisbury was the lack of racial tension. It was instantly noticeable after flying in from South Africa. The second was the relaxed mood of the city. Apart from some security precautions, firm but polite, there were few indications that a guerrilla war was being fought in the border areas.

The third impression was of quiet affluence. Despite sanctions and the cost of fighting the war, the shops were full of goods, and modern cars thronged the streets. They were also graced by many pretty girls, of whom Rhodesia has more than its fair ration, but the most abiding impression was the confidence of the whites.

Emigration had been running at a rate of about 1,000 a month, but was down to 761 in January. Perhaps most of the faint-hearted have already left; certainly those I met were quietly optimistic for the future. Given a final settlement similar to the agreement negotiated by Mr Ian Smith, they are prepared to live under a predominantly black government. The first impressions probably helped to explain this confidence.

Most of the whites I met appeared still to feel racially superior, if largely because of the cultural and technological differences, but they accepted black politicians, professional men and academics. Rhodesia is fortunate in having more black graduates than most recently-independent African states, and this might also help to explain white confidence in the future.

Rhodesia is also unusual in that Africans and not Indians have largely captured retail trade. They also have strong bourgeois instincts; they save, and many of them believe in private enterprise. Certainly the usual ideological differences between the races are not marked.

The old white feeling of superiority has been institutionalized to the extent that most residential areas are segregated, but the differences are not offensive. The two black townships I visited on the outskirts of Salisbury were not smaller versions of Soweto, but real African towns with shopping centres, places of entertainment, tree-lined streets and well-tended gardens. I imagine that most black Rhodesians going home after a hard day at the office or factory do not feel that they are being sent back to the reservation.

What is known as petty apartheid in South Africa appears to be largely absent in Salisbury. I dined at two expensive restaurants in racially-mixed company, and shared a table in the coffee shop of Meikles hotel with a black businessman. There was no awkwardness. The whites and blacks knew each other by their first names. The bantering was so good natured that one black felt free to threaten his white companions with the dire consequences independence held for them.

It was my first visit to Rhodesia, and no doubt these beginnings of a multi-racial society are relatively new. Many whites regretted that the first tentative steps had not been taken earlier. Some felt that the belated start was due almost entirely to the guerrilla war, but the blacks at those tables were not Uncle Toms.

They were professional men and politicians as anxious as the whites to maintain the country's wealth and affluence. Clearly they expected to receive a greater share of it, and this was conceded by the whites. There was no alternative, and the inevitable appeared to be accepted with good grace.

Obviously such generalizations can be misleading. Some whites are resisting change, as some blacks are fighting the guerrilla war for objectives different from those of Mr Smith, but I met enough leaders of industry, farming and mining, as well as government officials and professional men, to be convinced that the majority are willing to cooperate with a future black government.

I was surprised. Stereotypes are part of the intellectual baggage of most of us when we approach a new situation. I had assumed that the average white Rhodesian was a retired military man attracted by the open-air life, or a refugee from over-taxed Britain. I met both, but I met more men and women of second and third-generation pioneer stock.

They were what Kipling once described as country-born, men and women whose only home was Rhodesia and loved it. As with most people of pioneering stock, they were helpful and generous. They were also hard working, grateful for the opportunities of a bounteous and developing country and confirmed believers in private enterprise. The latter might tell against them in some political quarters here, but not among many Rhodesian blacks.

Having accepted the inevitable, they do not ask for too much. One tobacco farmer, a calm man in his early forties, said that he was prepared to stay on three conditions. The first was maintenance of law and order, and the second and third were freedom of choice of schools and medical care for his family. They sounded reasonable; certainly men have emigrated for less.

Already the army is well on its way to becoming multi-racial. About 68 per cent of the troops are black, and the patrols are racially mixed. The number of black officers is only 19, but 23 more are being trained.

As I suggested earlier, the willingness of whites to live under a black government and the desire of the blacks for them to remain in the country, is good reason for accepting the internal settlement as a basis for eventual independence; but Mr Smith, the Prime Minister, remains a controversial figure. His departure has been demanded by the guerrilla groups and he is hardly popular in London.

He is very tired. He is also a farmer, and I think he genuinely wants to quit politics. He will probably have to remain a member of the new executive council for the time being, and his continued presence in the seat of power until independence should be accepted in London even if he infuriates Dr David Owen as much as he infuriated previous foreign secretaries.

His survival and apparent success are no doubt galling, but his agreement with the three black nationalist leaders is the fundamental basis for future racial cooperation. It should not be eroded because of personal pique or antipathy.

Louis Heren



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Shock waves thin ranks of writers' guild

A confession by Amnesty International that it has conducted a series of electrical experiments on a herd of pigs, has led to an unhappy dust-up between executive members of the Writers Guild of Great Britain.

The council of the Guild decided earlier this week to accept an invitation from Amnesty to affiliate with it. But the decision led to an immediate walk-out and resignation by Brigid Brophy, the well-known novelist and critic, and the less well known Dulan Barber.

The reason was a letter to the council from David Simpson, the British director of Amnesty, admitting that his organization had been carrying out the electric shock experiments on pigs in Denmark to discover whether scar tissue is left.

Mr Simpson explained that the experiments were useful in checking the allegations of political prisoners (not to mention authors) that they had been subjected to torture. He added that the animals were anaesthetized and later, under Danish law, put down.

But that was not good enough for Miss Brophy, who told me yesterday: "My resignation is a matter of conscience."

A less sensitive member of the council added, however: "There was a hell of a brouhaha over this, but really it's just a huge teacup. The hard-core professionals sat there bog-eyed, listening to it all."

Amnesty's international executive committee is now reassessing the moral and ethical implications of its animal experiments but, I understand, this has nothing to do with Miss Brophy's protest.

A sign outside a garage near Kendal says: "The lad who lent out tools ha snow left."



Soothing train of thought

The first of a six-part series on the histor of railways went out on the main French television channel the other night and viewers were delighted to have all their theories about the mad English confirmed.

There were grown up-men in overalls spending their spare time and money playing engine drivers. There was the head of the railways department at the Science Museum playing with his model train set in his garden. For all that he spoke good French and had a Dutch name, he was clearly touched with this same English insanity.

But what stung the viewers' Gallic pride was that it was necessary to start the story of something as important as the steam engine in Britain at all. The commentator did his best to cheer them up. He said the invention which enabled Stephenson's Rocket to heat its boiler rapidly was a French one and pointed out that Isambard Kingdom Brunel was the son of a French immigrant.

Most important of all, he was able to show that it was really Napoleon who was responsible for the fact that the British had to develop the steam train in the first place. Had it not been for the Emperor, the viewers were reassured, the British would not have had to send all their horses abroad to fight. Having no horses at home to pull colliery wagons, they had to invent a substitute. They came up with the steam engine.

Bunbury by any other name .....

It was, as Wilde might have said, the unconstrainable in pursuit of the unattainable. But I am getting ahead of myself. . . .

The dignified notification was headed: Francis Bunberry Scholarships. A copy went to the president at every junior common room at Oxford. The Bunberry Trust, it said, offered three scholarships to enable undergraduates to travel—all expenses paid—within the Commonwealth and America.

Successful applicants would attend courses on a wide range of subjects and meet people from all walks of life.

More than 100 applied. They sent their thickly worded application forms to the trust, c/o the Grosvenor House Hotel in London, as requested on the notification.

Meanwhile, the trust contracted the Randolph Hotel in Oxford booking dinner for more than 40 of the students it would select for interview. It also booked rooms for the interviewers, and for interviewees.

In not a single mind, academic or catering, was there a shadow of doubt. Not, that is, until there was a thundering silence from the trustees.

Which is not surprising, considering there are no Bunberry scholarships, no trustees and no trust.

The hoaxer's identity is not known. But there is a clue, of sorts. In *The Importance of Being Earnest*, the philandering Algernon Moncrieff dreams up a permanent invalid behind whose coat tails he can hide when in deceitful mood. His name is Bunbury.

Personal choice

Our Man in Paris, Sir Nicholas Henderson seemed merely to be doing his job when he attended a lunch in the city yesterday. The occasion was the presentation of the 1978 Whitbread Franco-British Award, and it was conferred jointly on British Aerospace and France's Aerospatiale company, the Concorde makers.

In fact, Sir Nicholas had a dual role. Neither of the winners, and few of the lunch guests, knew that Our Man himself had nominated the two companies for the award.

Nightingalia

A heavy black sash embroidered in red with the words Scutari Hospital has been discovered in an old tin box in a solicitor's office at Bakewell, Derbyshire. It was worn by Florence Nightingale on her rounds of the sick and dying.

The relic is among several discovered by Michael Brooke-Taylor, who believes it was left with his firm by the family trustees in 1940. The trustees are all dead and consultations are taking place with the Bishop of Repton, the Rt Rev Stephen Verney, a descendant of the family.

Candle power at Oxford

A giant 4ft square birthday cake, with 501 candles, was the show at the opening in York yesterday of an exhibition marking the 500th anniversary of the Oxford University Press.

The cake was a model of the Press Quadrangle at Oxford, short only of the tree in the centre, which was omitted because it would have caused fire when the candles were lit.

Lit they duly were, to be quickly extinguished by the combined breath of Lord Blake, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Oxford, Mr George Richardson, OUP chief executive, Henry Cohen Zahler, cultural affairs commissioner of the City of New York, and other dignitaries.

The ceremony took place in the Pierpont Morgan Library, hard by the OUP's New York offices. The library, once the home of a wealthy banker, was the first site for the quincentennial exhibition, which will move to London, Ontario, in May, before arriving at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, England, in the summer. It will then travel on to Frankfurt and Amsterdam.

It is a small but absorbing exhibition, containing examples of the work of the Press from the fifteenth century to the present. There are prints of the Oxford headquarters, paintings of leading figures in the Press's history, blocks and plates and some historic printing equipment. One of the books on show is John Smith's *A Map of Virginia*, published in 1612, the first American travel book.

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HE UN: FOR PEACE OR WAR?

debate in the Security Coun- on the internal settlement ed last week in Rhodesia is ificant for two principal ions. The first is that the ted Nations is an influence good or evil upon the out- e in Rhodesia because Britain ined mandatory sanctions the Security Council and be expected to get the Coun- approval before calling them when the time comes. Be- e to this extent the Security ncil is an influence, if not a er, in the Rhodesian issue a lution at this juncture which demned the internal settle- t as a "sell out" would ngthen the hand of the otic Front and its guerrilla political activities within the try, while some approval for Muzorewa-Sithole-Chirau deal Smith would be a powerful ntive to the guerrillas to pt their arguments that the they are fighting is really

may seem unlikely that such nditional acceptance of the nal settlement will find a e in the resolution put for- l. Nevertheless it must be im of Britain and the West t tolerance of it as a genuine towards a settlement, to be d by ballot rather than t, into any compromise reso- n, no matter how much the cil prefers the Anglo-Ameri- procedure, for which it did ve participation by a UN mander. The sentiments essed by the African ters so far, no doubt to be d by Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo who have been invited to speak, suggest that the Africans are pressing for outright condemnation. If such a resolution were carried, however, it would do more than condemn—it would implicitly endorse the guerrilla view that a solution can only be found by war.

It would be likewise unfortunate if the African members succeeded in barring Bishop Muzorewa from speaking. Such a snub would be claimed by them as international recognition that the Patriotic Front is the sole representative, now and in future, of the Zimbabwe black population. If the Bishop speaks, he may not make many converts, but he demonstrates that the Front is not the only representative of Zimbabwe, and he shows his own people that he, too, has international standing. That matters a great deal.

The success of the internal settlement depends in great measure—perhaps decisively—on the appeal of the incoming black power, first in the interim government, and subsequently under the new constitution of Zimbabwe, to discourage further fighting and to make good the argument to the guerrillas that the war they have been waging is won. The guerrilla influence is considerable and growing, and everything that can strengthen the Bishop's voice, and that of his black colleagues, is important to lessen the violence and make early elections possible.

There are African states who privately, if not publicly, see this point. Suspicious as they are that Smith has pulled the wool over the Bishop's eyes, and those of his colleagues, they are also despairing of their own failure to end the rivalry between Mr Nkomo's and Mr Mugabe's forces, which promise an eventual civil war on an Angolan scale.

It is this consideration which suggests that the Rhodesian raid on the base inside Zambia at just this juncture is an error of judgment so far as the outcome in New York is concerned, and not only in terms of the meagre military results. Certainly the Rhodesians have the right to attack bases within a neighbouring country from which an invasion is being prepared; and certainly Zambia has no legitimate reason to complain. But Zambia had good reason to give the Salisbury plan a cautious trial, or at least not condemn it in New York, and the raid will tie Dr Kaunda's hands. The Bishop must therefore deplore it as much as Dr Owen, and privately Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo can rejoice. It remains for Dr Owen, however, to point out to the Council that the raid is irrelevant to the main issue; and indeed that, in future, it will be an executive council of three black to one white member who will make such decisions for the security forces.

If in spite of Dr Owen's efforts there is an attempt to pass a resolution that will actually tend to prolong the fighting in Rhodesia, it is certainly Britain's special responsibility to veto it. The harm may be done, but any other course would be disastrous.

ACHERS LOSE THEIR SENSE ON PROPORTION

by the customary rules of in industrial relations, s of workers who apply ions while their claim has to arbitration are held to rowing their weight about sively. The action of the ers who have banned volun- activities in school, causing ption for some schools and e for a few, is likely to have influence on the indepen- arbitrators studying their than on the children who nder their charge. Mean- the National Association of Teachers and the Assistant rs Association have ed or withheld support he action, while the leader e employers' side in the ations, Sir Ashley Bramall, esigned because he thinks argaining has been con- l too inflexibly on his side. short, the whole affair is ough mess. It is clear that osely defined area at the f a teacher's duties needs definition. If tasks so ial that schools must close e lack of them count as merely voluntary, then confusion is bound to result. Doubts are left as to whether such work is paid for. One of the teaching unions, the NAS/UWT, is seeking to take advantage of the uncertainty, although the Houghton report of 1974 made it clear that it had taken voluntary work into account in arriving at its generous award. Whatever their formal status, these voluntary tasks are in a real sense part of the job—part of what the teacher owes his pupils—and withdrawing them, like going on strike, is a course that should not be set lightly. The community expects of teachers that they set high standards of social behaviour as an example to the children in their care.

Yet all that separates offer from demand is the distance between 9 per cent and 12½ per cent. The education authorities have made an offer whose cost to them goes to the limit of the Government's 10 per cent guideline, but 1 per cent of that would be devoted to the easing of admitted anomalies. Since other local government employees will be looking closely at the outcome, having retained an option to ask for more if they see anybody else getting it, the employers are reluctant to make concessions.

The teachers complain that their pay has fallen lower in the rank of average earnings since the Houghton report gave them 30 per cent. It is not in fact at all clear that their standing has declined beside that of workers of a comparable kind, in types of employment not amenable to productivity deals, most of whom enjoyed no giant award in the final stages of the great wage inflation. Teachers have certainly come off better than university lecturers, for instance.

Demographic tendencies since 1974 have created a glut of teachers, rather than the shortage that might have seemed to justify higher salaries in the early 1970s. The claim that the teachers are seeking is in any case a small one even if its soundness is conceded: the sight of them closing schools in pursuit of it will scarcely persuade the public that higher rewards are due to such a sense of service, and such a sense of proportion.

VERE, BUT RIGHTLY SO

stice Park's task in working e range of sentences to on the members of the nspiracy was difficult and ve. All the principal parti- were people of previous character, considerable and intelligence. Some n possessed excellent aca- and professional qualifica- They are precisely the f people for whom prison ly be a destructive experi- It can also be argued that while probably the most ally dangerous of the non- ve drugs, is not in the eague of harmfulness as, eroin or some of the . Moreover the purchaser D is not in the same y dependent state as the ldict, and not at the mercy supplier. Taking LSD is cious act over which the buyer has full control. Against those factors, which indicate sentences on the light side, LSD has been known to result in permanent psychological harm to the user, quite apart from the temporary but unpleasant and dangerous psychotic experiences which may accompany the taking of the drug.

More importantly, the judge was clearly greatly affected by the extent of the conspiracies and the huge profits which stood to be made, and to some extent were made, from it. The schemes had already resulted in the conspirators having a dominant position in the British LSD trade, as well as a considerable share in the world LSD trade. The judge specifically stated that the severity of the sentences he was imposing was, at least partly, designed to deter others from entering the field. He was right to take that view. Had the sentences ranged up to, say, eight years for the ringleaders, with a possibility that with remission and parole they would in fact be released after three or four, others tempted to become large-scale manufacturers and traffickers might well consider the risk worth taking, bearing in mind the enormity of the rewards which could accrue. Imposing a thirteen-year sentence on the principal planners and executors of the conspiracy means that they are unlikely at the earliest to be released much before five or six years. Such a period of incarceration might make potential entrants into the trade think twice.

Mr Justice Park has pitched the level of sentences about right. Long penalties are necessary to deter people from seeking vast profits in a trade too dangerous to the mental health and stability of their customers.

vell Palace

Miss Patricia Allderidge

Pepys-Whiteley (March 1) omments on Philip Howard's (February 18) cites the pic- ap of London of c 1560, attri- o Ralph Agas, as evidence appearance of the original f Bridewell. This map and are of course known to all oncerned with the present ous: the problem with maps kind is that they tend to individual buildings in a and conventionalized man- ough they may look temp- rcumstantial.

s instance many features of ce which are known from urces can be shown to be so that it would be unwise t any of the details which e confirmed by other evid- The "considerable range losing a court-yard" is, for , known to be a single range for its entire width and its length by the Great "more modest" court-yard rth in fact almost certainly d the royal apartments; one court-yard is omitted, the east between the north- and the Fleet, and so on. curate drawing or plan of e is known to exist for the efore the Fire of London, estroyed the southern and the northern ends; but th century engravings of l Hospital show buildings rvived in part at least, and ly Tudor in style. Archival from the sixteenth century le scattered evidence which to elucidate small areas of le picture, while the 1790 survey mentioned by Philip Howard gives the first accurate and measured plan of those parts of the palace which survived, even if only at ground or basement level, the fire.

The present excavations by the Museum of London are uncovering the foundations of a part of the palace which includes one end of the Great Hall, and still more fortunately is in the area which best survived and is thus covered above ground by the survey and engravings.

All available expertise is being used by the Museum of London to supplement and interpret the evidence which is now emerging from the ground, and there is no doubt that the result will be a far more comprehensive picture of the palace of Bridewell than has ever previously existed. It is sad to have to add that it may bear no more than a family likeness to the appealing views, by Agas and others, of what a royal palace ought to look like.

Yours faithfully,
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March 4.

Future of Gibraltar

From Mr R. J. Peliza

Sir, Your leader (March 6) "People Before Geography" is most timely now that exploratory talks are continuing among Señor Orejas, the Spanish Foreign Minister, Dr Owen, our Secretary of State, Sir Joshua Hassan, Chief Minister, and Mr Maurice Xiberras, Leader of the Opposition of Gibraltar.

Your ending, "Geographical considerations should not be allowed to overrule the wishes of the human beings directly concerned", is one of the grounds on which the Gibraltarians have been legitimately basing their right to self-determination for the past 15 years.

If the last sentence in your article, "The Spaniards might reflect that this point is valid also for Gibraltar", catches the eyes of those concerned before the next meeting, it might inspire them—Señor Orejas to show more understanding, Dr Owen to be more positive, and the two Gibraltarian leaders to stand firm by their people's rights.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT J. PELIZA,
House of Assembly,
Gibraltar.
March 7.

'E. M. Forster, A life'

From Mr P. N. Furbank

Sir, I should like your readers to know that the title ("Desire on a Streetcar") given to the extract from my biography of E. M. Forster published in your Saturday issue (March 4), was not of my devising. In fact, I consider it thoroughly silly and vulgar, and I do not think it right that such titles should be foisted upon what one writes without one's permission or knowledge.

Yours faithfully,
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March 4.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Windscale inquiry findings

From Professor J. Rotblat

Sir, The wholesale acceptance by Mr Justice Parker of the British Nuclear Fuels Limited application for a reprocessing plant is astonishing to the point of incredulity. He lists 13 points made by BNFL in support of their application and 17 points put forward by the objectors. The end result of the Report is the acceptance of every one of the BNFL points, and the rejection of every one on the objectors' list, the latter including the basis of President Carter's energy policy, which was welcomed by Mr Callaghan and endorsed by Dr Owen.

Among the various arguments put forward by Mr Justice Parker, at least one is not only surprising but also untenable. This is the argument that without reprocessing we shall become wholly dependent on foreign supplies. The corollary that reprocessing will make us independent is certainly not true in relation to thermal reactors, because recycling of uranium and plutonium (the latter becoming progressively less profitable due to the build up of non-fissile isotopes) would only provide a fraction of the fuel needed to replenish the reactors, and we shall always need further supplies of uranium. The argument may be valid in relation to fast breeder reactors, because there we can convert the stock of depleted uranium into fuel. But the fast breeder was not included in the Inquiry, since it is to be the subject of a separate inquiry. How then can one use an argument which is valid only in a situation specifically excluded from the discussion?

Although this is only one of many arguments advanced in the Report, it is central to the whole issue. With thermal reactors nuclear energy will never become a major source of energy, because of the exhaustion of uranium. The problems discussed at the Inquiry, radiation risks, storage of spent fuel, turnover of plutonium, opportunities for diversion, danger of proliferation, would then be of modest dimension and probably manageable. The situation will be quite different with a fast breeder reactor programme, when the whole scale of operation might be two orders of magnitude higher. Thus, despite Mr Justice Parker's contention, the two issues, reprocessing and fast breeders, cannot be separated.

I hope that this will be kept in mind when the Report is debated in Parliament. A sensible solution would be to postpone the go ahead for the reprocessing plant until the conclusion of the inquiry into the fast breeder reactor.

Yours faithfully,
J. ROTBLAT,
The Athenaeum,
Pall Mall, SW1.
March 7.

Married women's pensions

From the Minister for Social Security

Sir, Your Social Services Correspondent (March 8) has helpfully drawn attention to the implications of the new state pension scheme for married women who are not currently working. Married women who read her article may be wondering what action they should take to get the full benefit of "home responsibility protection" of their pension rights.

Briefly, the effect of the home responsibility provisions is that, for the first time, the right to a basic pension will be protected during periods spent looking after children or a disabled person. This will enable increasing numbers of married women to earn a full basic pension in their own right instead of the smaller pension they can get on their husbands' insurance.

To get this protection from the start of the scheme, however, a married woman who opted to pay reduced national insurance contributions in the past must inform her local Social Security office before April 6 that she intends to pay full contributions if and when she returns to work. A form for this purpose is attached to leaflet NI 1, obtainable from any Social Security office. The leaflet explains more fully what is involved in the decision whether to retain reduced liability. Home responsibility protection is only one factor, though an important one for many women.

Yours sincerely,
STANLEY ORME,
Department of Health & Social Security,
Alexander Fleming House,
Elephant & Castle, SE1,
March 8.

Youth unemployment

From Mr Chris Brooks and others

Sir, Mr Nicholas Hinton's (the Director of the National Council of Social Service) letter in The Times of March 4 accurately reflects the considerable fears of many voluntary and non-statutory bodies about the development of the Government's Youth Opportunities Programme, heavily advertised in national newspapers today (March 6).

We would add that we are also concerned at the failure of the Manpower Services Commission to arrive at decisions. In an urgent attempt to tackle youth unemployment, we have all submitted proposals to the commission, which they welcomed—some submitted as long ago as July, 1977. However, to date, they have failed to release funds for action. Many of these schemes could have been implemented many months ago.

We believe we must participate in this Government programme, because the needs of young people demand a commitment from all of us, which the Manpower Services Commission has purported to welcome. Parliament has voted the funds: when will the commission make up its mind to let us get on with the job?

Yours sincerely,
CHRIS BROOK,
Director, Youthaid
ELISABETH HOODLESS,
Director, Community Service Volunteers,
DAVID HOWIE,
Director, National Youth Bureau,
TOM SHEBBEARE,
General Secretary, British Youth Council,
237 Pentonville Road, N1,
March 6.

The repatriation of Russian prisoners

From Sir Bernard Braine, MP for Essex, South-East (Conservative)

Sir, All who care about the honour of our country must remain grateful for your moving article (February 20) concerning the forcible repatriation of millions of Russian prisoners and displaced persons in 1944-47, the cruelty with which the policy was enforced, and the way in which the nation was kept in complete ignorance of what was being done.

What was done was unforgivable. It is not a question of being wise after the event over mistakes made at a time when Britain was war weary and anxious to speed the return of our prisoners of war in Soviet hands; for the policy was continued after the last British prisoner came home.

It was not only that great numbers of terrified Russians were ready to take their own lives rather than to return to death, torture and the living hell of Stalin's prison camps, but that the policy resulted in thousands being handed over who were not even Soviet citizens. Well might an emigré Cossack general, our comrade in the First World War, who had lived in the West since the 1920s, tell his NKVD interrogators at the Lubianka before his execution that he reproached himself only for having trusted the British.

In my view it would be of little use holding a tribunal of inquiry now. Some of those responsible are dead: those who live can best be left to their consciences. Certainly the vast majority of their victims are dead and those who survived the Soviet executioners are old and broken.

Equally, it would be of little use to introduce Lord Greenhill's novel suggestion (March 1) for a contemporary and confidential record of controversial events to be kept by officials. History can be and has been falsified by the destruction of documents. The truth is that in a democracy there is no substitute in government or anywhere else for integrity. After all, the plea that those who issued orders in 1944/47 were obeying higher authority was the defence of every Nazi war criminal.

There is, however, one gesture that could be made that might atone for what was done. Just as Chancellor Brandt, who of all men was totally innocent of any complicity in Nazi deeds, went down on his knees publicly at the memorial to the dead of the Warsaw ghetto, and did penance for the crimes committed in the name of the German people, so someone in our own Government, all honourable men and women who have no responsibility for what was done in the name of all of us in 1944/47, could say publicly, even now "We are sorry—the British people did not know. We pledge ourselves to see that nothing like this happens again."

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD BRAINE,
House of Commons.

From Count Nikolai Tolstoy

Sir, Lord Bethell's letter of March 3 claims I held him to have been "inaccurate in suggesting that Mr Christopher Mayhew unintentionally misled the House of Commons on May 21, 1947". Some unfortunate omissions caused by printing errors may have misled him, but the fact remains that I did not write this. The crucial word "unintentionally" does not appear in Lord Bethell's book (p.203), where he states simply that Mr Mayhew's reply was "incorrect", and that it "was the second time that Stokes had been given wrong information on this subject in the House of Commons".

It was apparently on the basis of this account that your leading article of February 20 reasonably concluded that there was a strong possibility of Parliament's having been deliberately misled. Mr Mayhew, in turn, assumed that he too had been deceived. It was to correct this impression that I wrote to you. The truth is, as I wrote, that "there was no wilful deception of the Minister or the House".

In refuting a number of charges concerning "Operation Eastwind", Mr Mayhew had denied that any attempted suicides took place. In fact, however, the officer commanding an escorting party has since confirmed that one attempt did occur. Mr Mayhew's reply was therefore inaccurate; but that does not justify a conclusion that he or anyone else was wilfully deceived—the point I made in my letter.

In his report made immediately after the handover, the officer in question omitted all reference to the attempted suicide, and wrote that "no physical violence was used during the journey", and that there were "no incidents". The officer has since written to me to explain this discrepancy; his reply and other details appear on pp.370-1 of my Victims of Yalta.

In the light of this report, officials could only have concluded that the charges made in the House (which were in every other instance wildly inaccurate) were false. There is no mystery or malice in the case: it was just an easily explained misunderstanding, and of no historical or political significance.

On the basis of existing evidence, therefore, no blame can be placed on Mr Mayhew or his advisers. It is ironical that it should be he who came forward to acknowledge an offence that had not taken place. Others, who really did resort to very dubious measures to sustain a policy that caused so much unnecessary cruelty and suffering, have refrained from adopting so honourable a course.

Yours faithfully
NIKOLAI TOLSTOY,
Gable House,
Parbrook,
Near Glastonbury,
Somerset.
March 4.

New British Library

From Mr Ben Weinreb

Sir, The architects' project for the new British Library which you report today (March 8) is impressive. A great library is a proclamation by a nation of the value it places upon scholarship and letters.

As a bookseller may I ask, however, if the 10 acre plans make provision for the ancillary services, trades and small industries which a great library both requires and generates? I suspect not.

Compare the green isolation of the Library of Congress with the vitality of the streets in front of the British Museum (before they became inhibited by their uncertain future) and the contribution made by these supporting activities to a life and livelihood of letters is manifest. It may be argued that the new library will in time attract to its vicinity sympathetic interests and business. But at Somers Town the adjacent land is already occupied with public authority housing and there is little space available. St Pancras Station and the former station hotel, I suggest, provide the answer.

This terminal is an embarrassment to British Rail who has long wished to divert its diminishing traffic to King's Cross and Euston, while its administrators must find the once opulent bedrooms with high ceilings and gothic windows an uneasy setting for computerized activities. Had it not been for the most imperative preservation order, these splendid buildings would long since have followed Euston Arch to the scrap heap. They do, however, offer an opportunity for an imaginative and recreative change of use.

The grand hotel, though unsuitable for railway management, could be divided into groups of offices highly appropriate to government sponsored cultural enterprises and for book and periodical publishers, book clubs, literary agents and such like.

Once again would the palatial resturant, the magnificent staircase and fine, broad corridors fill with people.

The parcel and other offices, the concourse and panelled booking-hall would provide space for showrooms and shops supplying library fittings and furniture and the varied equipment required by the fast expanding information storage and retrieval industry. The great tunnel vaulted train shed would be an impressive exhibition area, an alternative to the bleak wastes of Earls Court and Olympia and a venue for Britain's Frankfurt Bookfair.

The arched caverns beneath the station at street level to the east and west should make admirable workshops for small printers, bookbinders and related crafts, but primarily accommodation for bookshops new and old, thus re-establishing a Paternoster Row for readers and collectors.

An enlightened state, while preserving its recorded past, undertakes many projects to nurture its creative future.

Yours faithfully,
BEN WEINREB,
B. Weinreb Ltd,
93 Great Russell Street, WC1.
March 8.

Jewish vote in Ilford

From Mr Alfred Sherman

Sir, Your Political Editor, Mr Emery, claims to understand Ilford Jews and their reactions to Mrs Thatcher's immigration statement better than I. The foundations for his claim are of the flimsiest: a talk with a few Jews in a politicised milieu; rash comparisons between last May's GLC voting and last week's parliamentary election.

Had Mr Emery troubled to read my pre-election article on Ilford North in The Sunday Telegraph, as many of your readers will have done, he would have noted that many Jews in Redbridge as elsewhere resented being equated with third world immigrants and having their names invoked in favour of mass immigration by a less than representative and left-inclined Jewish communal establishment. I know London Jewry at first hand, as a veteran of the long march from East End to suburb, and aficionado of Jewish journalism. I began my visits to the Ilford Jewish scene before Mrs Thatcher's statement and continued afterwards. Their responses were favourable albeit sometimes guarded.

As for conclusions drawn from a comparison with last May's GLC vote, Mr Emery may have been so long in America that he has forgotten the golden rule not to compare local and parliamentary elections. Need I cite examples?

Yours, etc.
ALFRED SHERMAN,
Centre for Policy Studies,
8 Wilfred Street, SW1.
March 8.

Integrating immigrants

From Dr F. A. Hayek, FBA

Sir, I have been puzzled before why the indignant protests about my letter of February 11 which you printed and the more abusive letters I received at home should insist to treat as a problem of race what I had been at pains to show was a problem of acculturation. But since you yourself now publish a further letter from me (March 1) under the heading "Origins of racialism", you will perhaps permit me to make more precise what has evidently been misunderstood.

I had in my first letter deliberately dragged in the example of Czech immigration into Vienna before 1914, when probably something like a quarter of Vienna's population was of Czech descent, but which led to street riots as soon as a large number of new immigrants attempted to establish their Czech Komensky schools. Nothing like these riots demanding discriminatory government action had in recent history there been directed against the Jews until the flood of (differently dressed!) refugees from Galicia arrived.

The point is that acculturation is of necessity a slow process and may almost stop when the new immigrants are numerous enough to form their own communities. This, regrettably, is almost universally resented by an indigenous population.

Yours faithfully,
F. A. HAYEK,
Urachstrasse 27,
D-7800 Freiburg (Breisgau).
March 3.

Helicopters over Surrey

From Mr H. H. B. Capes

Sir, A plan to operate a helicopter service between Heathrow and Gatwick Airports is about to be brought into operation.

For 16 hours daily, twice hourly, large twin engined helicopters are to fly at a height of 800 feet over the lovely Surrey countryside.

The licence application has been made and unless sanity prevails the service will operate for a minimum period of one year when "the demand for the service, its economics, and the noise impact" will be assessed.

The Civil Aviation Authority and the British Airports Authority are it appears careless of the effects of such a service on the environment, and equally unconcerned as to the maximum benefit to the majority of the community.

Yours faithfully,
HOWARD CAPES,
The Goat House,
Albany Close,
Esher, Surrey.

Where the Atlantic ends

From the Chilean Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Sir, The interesting article of Michael Frenchman "Where does the Atlantic end?" (The Times, February 17, 1978) informs the British reader in detail of the controversy which has arisen between Chile and Argentina. However, in erroneously suggesting that Chile might be "bending the court's ruling to suit Chile's empirical view" he forgets a fundamental point: "all the islands to the south of the Beagle Channel up to Cape Horn", including those on which Chilean sovereignty has been confirmed by Her Majesty Elizabeth II's award, have been under effective Chilean jurisdiction since the 1881 Treaty, and Argentina had never before made a claim on several of them until 1977. We need only remember, as is stated in the wording to the map published by The Times, that the Argentine Navy—for the first time—placed a navigational beacon in Barnevelt Island on August 24, 1977.

Therefore, the intemperate affirmation of an anonymous correspondent (The Times, February 22, 1978) that attributes to the President of Chile "new territorial claims" and to the Argentine negotiators the fear "of giving an inch lest Chile helps itself to a mile", has caused me great surprise. This is an unfounded and insulting apprehension, for Chile does not aspire to hold any inches of territories which have not been granted by solemn treaties or recognized by an arbitration of exemplary correctness.

Michael Frenchman is more exact when he says that the phrase of the court's report "title to territory automatically involves jurisdiction over the appurtenant water . . ." sums up the essential aspect of the present problem. It is these questions of maritime jurisdiction which will be occupying the attention of the Governments of Chile and Argentina, now that the controversy over the Beagle Channel has been definitely resolved by the unappealable British award, and we can be confident—after the Presidential interview of Puerto Montt—that Chilians and Argentinians will once again find a just and harmonious formula to resolve these problems.

Yours faithfully,
JORGE BERGUNO,
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.,
Embassy of Chile,
12 Devonshire Street, W1.

Saving historic ships

From Mr Richard Gould-Adams

Sir, Your report that the Ministry of Defence is looking for a new owner for HMS Discovery raises wider issues. While we have advanced since the scuttling of HMS Implacable in 1949, there seems to be no word of the Department of the Environment at least helping to ensure the future of Discovery—as I feel there really should be.

During the past decade more than the equivalent of every man, woman and child in Greater London has visited one or other of the four main historic ships open in this period: Cutty Sark, Belfast, Victory and Great Britain. The first two are, of course, readily accessible in London and the Victory in Portsmouth has been known for over a generation. But even down here in the West Country, where we only started restoring Brunel's Great Britain in Bristol eight years ago, this, the world's first ocean-going, propeller-driven ship, will be welcoming her millionth visitor on board in a few weeks time.

This massive public interest surely invalidates the current concept that public funds should be used only to help save old buildings, while nothing goes out to historic ships—except almost inadvertently through the Navy Estimates.

What is wanted is acceptance of the proposition that with individual ships as with buildings the effort required should be a joint one, involving both the public and the private sectors of the economy alike.

What can be done now? One step at least would appear reasonable. Following a recent examination of the general question by the House of Commons Select Committee on public expenditure (to which Mr Switzer referred in your issue of January 20) a decision could surely be taken in principle that ships should be treated on their merits, like buildings.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD GOULD-ADAMS,
SS Great Britain Project,
Great Western Dock,
Gas Ferry Road,
Bristol.

Silent knit

From Mr Frank A. Sharman

Sir, Miss Madeau Stewart (March 6) regrets that knitting needles no longer click. This is not the only sign that the country is going to the dogs. The waxed paper seals on jars of instant coffee no longer pop when you jab a spoon through them.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK A. SHARMAN, Bachelor,
168 Penn Road, Wolverhampton.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 8: Sir John Ford was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to Canada.

Lady Ford had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

Mr F. S. Miles was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Mrs Miles had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors at 12 Great George Street, London.

Having been received upon arrival by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Alderman Hugh Cubitt) and the President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Mr F. Knowles), Her Majesty unveiled a plaque to mark the completion of the rebuilding of their Headquarters.

The Duchess of Grafton, Mr Robert Fellowes and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Life Member, this morning presented the British Sub-Aqua Club Duke of Edinburgh Prize for the years 1974 and 1975 at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, President of The King George's Fund for Sailors, with Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, was present at luncheon with the General Council at Trinity House.

Lord Rupert Nevill was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Society of Arts, this evening attended a lecture and dinner at the Society's House, John Adam Street, when His Royal Highness presented the 1977 Albert Medal to the Lord Robens of Woldingham.

Mr Richard Davies was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the British *Academy of Film and Television* Arts, was present this evening at a Reception given by the Trustees of the Academy for Sir Run Run Shaw at the Academy Headquarters, Piccadilly, W1.

Mrs Malcolm Innes and Major Nicholas Lawson were in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE

March 8: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon presided at a Ceremony for the Presentation of Degrees at the Royal Albert Hall.

Her Majesty subsequently attended the Presentation Day Service in Westminster Abbey.

The Lady Grimthorpe, Sir Martin Gilliat and Mr Gavin Rankin were in attendance.

Memorial services will be held for William Bingham, Sixth Marquess of Northampton, on March 29, at *Chelsea Old Church, at noon, and* on March 30 at All Saints' Church, Northampton, at noon.

Birthdays today

Dame Isobel Baillie, 83; Mr David Garnett, 86; Lieutenant-General Sir Frank King, 59; Sir Ben Lockspeiser, 87; Sir Ronald Melville, 66; Sir Steuart Mitchell, 76; Mr Peter Quennell, 73; Professor K. E. Robinson, 64; Sir Herbert Thompson, 80; Lord Thurlow, 66; Mr Rex Warner, 73.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr R. J. Wallace to be Governor of the Gilbert Islands.

Mr H. H. West to be chairman of the Court of Governors of the City of London Polytechnic, and Mr D. H. J. Lester to be vice-chairman.

Mr Maurice Ennals, station manager at Radio Solent, to be chief assistant to the controller of BBC local radio.

Mr John Harrison, of Merton College, to be president of the Oxford Union.

Christening

The daughter of Mr and Mrs D. F. Guthrie was christened Tara Poppy Warner at Guthrie Church, Scotland, on Sunday, March 5. The godparents are Mr A. Mac-Millan-Douglas, Mr J. Armitage, Mr and Mrs J. Osborne and Mrs P. Johnson.

Work at Stonehenge

Work will begin at Stonehenge on March 15 on removing the nine-year-old gravel surface in and around the stone circle and re-turfing the area. For about a month visitors will not be able to go within the bank and ditch around the circle.

Latest wills

£31,000 for boys' club

Mr Hugh Robert Jess, of Camden Town, London, left £31,013 net, all of it to the Banbridge Boys' Club, co Down.

Other estates include (net, before tax; tax not disclosed):

Beazley, Mr John Arthur, of Beaconsfield, publisher .. £234,701

Bowes-Lyon, Major-General Sir Francis James Cecil, of Hexham £386,256

Brooks, Mr Alfred Edward, of Newton Solney £102,952

Burnage, Mr Leonard Henry James, of Epsom, company director £107,821

Butler, Mr William George, of Goffs Oak £100,090

Harper, Mr Harold Fowkes, of Amersham £105,512

Jones, Mr John Gwyn, of Brecon, intestate £101,773

Matthews, Mr Ronald Reginald, of Greenwich, accountant .. £103,983

Meeting

Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies

A discussion on the Battle of *Arnhem was held at the Royal* United Services Institute for Defence Studies yesterday. Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley was in the chair and the introductory speakers included General Sir John Hackett, Mr Ronald Lewin, Major-General David Belchem, Major-General John Frost, Brigadier General Walthuis (The Netherlands), Brigadier Charles Mackenzie, and Mr Antony Tasker. Others present *included*:

Generals Lord Bourne, Sir Charles Jones and Sir Robert Bray; Lieutenant-General Sir Napier Crookenden, Sir Martin Lindsay, of Dowhill; Air Vice-Marshal N. E. Hoad, Brigadiers W. K. F. Thompson and Mr d'A. Blackman; Brigadier-General W. Gall (Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany); Colonel W. Epke (The Netherlands Embassy), Colonel J. L. Waddy and Lieutenant-Colonel Eversley Belfield.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. N. D. Allen
and Miss J. M. Woodward-Fisher

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. W. J. Allen, of Billingshurst, West Sussex, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K. N. Woodward-Fisher, of Albert Place, London, W8.

Mr D. R. M. Armandias
and Miss J. C. E. Williams

The engagement is announced between Derek René Marie, younger son of Mr L. S. Armandias, of Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire, and Mme R. Armandias Delsaene, of Paris, and Joanna Catherine Bruce, younger daughter of the *late Brigadier E. S. B.* Williams, CBE, and Mrs Williams, of St Michael's Gardens, Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr J. A. Graham
and Miss H. Lebbar

The engagement is announced between James, son of Major and Mrs George Graham, of Failford House, Mauchline, Ayrshire, and Hayat, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs M. Lebbar.

Mr J. Grazebrook
and Miss E. J. Dunning

The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of the late Mr O. H. Grazebrook and of Mrs Grazebrook, of Highams Farm, Chobham, Surrey, and Belinda Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. F. Dunning, of Malta, GC.

Mr T. E. G. Haythoe
and Miss H. S. Kendal

The engagement is announced between Tom, elder son of Captain and Mrs Haythoe, of Pennsylvania Cottage, Portland, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Kendal, of Martlesham, Crowpits Lane, Godalming.

Mr C. D. C. Henderson
and Miss C. M. R. Doyle

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs A. K. J. Henderson, of Linkfield Cottage, Musselburgh, *Midlothian, and Celia*, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. G. Doyle, of Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.

Mr P. R. Heriot Maitland
and Miss M. L. Grant

The engagement is announced between Patrick, younger son of the late Mr R. O. Heriot Maitland and of Mrs Heriot Maitland, of Errol Park, Errol, Perthshire, and Marilyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. S. Grant, of Cathay House, *Forres, Morayshire.*

Mr I. T. Lewis
and Dr E. M. Harrison

The engagement is announced between Ian, son of the late Mr D. T. Lewis and Mrs J. E. Lewis, of Riding Mill, Northumberland, and Barbara, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. H. Harrison, of Macclesfield, Cheshire.

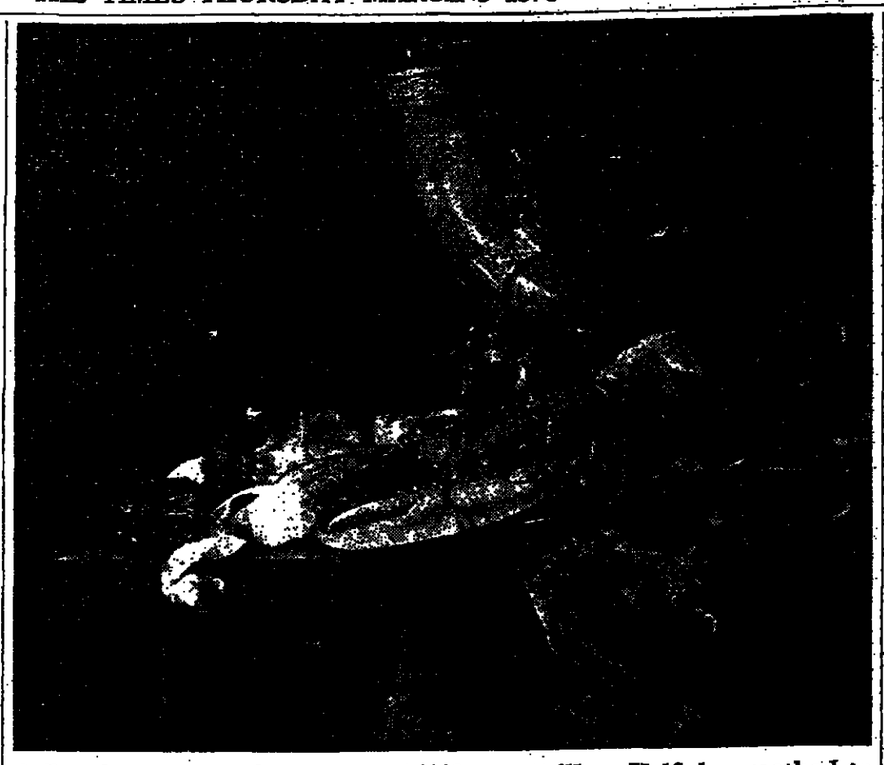
Mr M. Tobert
and Miss L. Henderson

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Tobert, of Far Leys, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, and Linda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Henderson, of Moor Park, Ludlow, Salop.

The marriage arranged between Mr Nicholas Hyde Hextall and Miss Annabel Macdonald of Sleat will not take place.

York Minster grant

The Pilgrim Trust has made a grant of £4,000 a year for the next five years for continued restoration work on medieval stained glass in York Minster.



A Dutch seventeenth-century still-life, by Willem Kalf, bequeathed to the National Gallery by Mr Robert Newall, who died in January.

Opera documents sold for £75,000

By Huon Mallalieu

In what Christie's described as their most important sale of manuscripts, documents and letters since the war, the Austrian *National Library paid £75,000* yesterday for the original autograph manuscripts, corrected typescripts and final libretto of *Arabella*, the last work of Hugo von Hofmannsthal. The opera, with the music of Richard Strauss, was first performed in 1933.

The library also bought the synopsis and various drafts of the libretto for *Der Rosenkavalier* for £45,000, and manuscripts of the film scenario of the opera for £10,000. Hofmannsthal's first royalties for *Der Rosenkavalier* amounted to the equivalent of £561, part of which he spent on Picasso's self-portrait of 1901, which was sold in 1975 for £283,500. The manuscripts of an early short story by Hofmannsthal was sold for £10,000 yesterday to Breslauer.

Another highlight of the sale was the collection of recently rediscovered manuscripts by Cosmo Manuche at Castle Ashby. Manuche was a protégé of Lord Northampton and a major in the royalist army during the Civil War. The collection consists of three complete plays by him and 13 manuscripts of fragments by another hand. Although the manuscripts were presumed to have disappeared since they were noted at Castle Ashby by Bishop Thomas Percy in 1767, they came to light in the library there last September. Yesterday Quaritch paid £20 000 to acquire them.

The same buyer paid £19,000 for the original typescript of George Bernard Shaw's *Heartbreak House*, which is said to be the only manuscript of a Shaw play not in an institutional library (estimate £20,000 to £25,000). The sale made a total of £263,899, with 2 per cent bought in.

A sale of clocks, watches and scientific instruments at Christie's made a total of £71,413, with 10 per cent unsold. A German dealer paid £4,800 for a silver-cased striking carriage clock by Jump of London, which came from the collection of Lord Baden-Powell (estimate £5,000 to £6,000).

At Sotheby's a sale of modern British paintings, drawings and sculpture produced £209,185, with 6.17 per cent bought in. Marlborough Fine Art bought an uncontroversial Graham Sutherland painting, "Insect" dated 1963 for £14,000 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000).

There was a rather remarkable jump in price for the work of one artist. That was Henry Scott Tuke, whose "A mid-summer's morning" showing naked and partly clothed Cornish fisherboys on the rocks went to the Fine Art Society for £6,200 (estimate £1,000 to £1,500). Previously the highest price paid for one of his paintings was £550 at Sotheby's in 1972.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh visits Torquay Hospital, 10-5, Paignton Zoo, 11.45; later, as Captain General Royal Marines, visits commando units, 2.25; attends regimental dinner, Stonehouse Barracks, Plymouth, 7.

The Duchess of Kent visits Broughton House, Manchester, 11.30; later, as president, presides at congregation of awards, Royal Northern College of Music, 12.30.

Exhibitions: William Blake, 250 paintings and prints, Tate Gallery, 10-6; Rowlandson drawings from Paul Mellon collection, Royal Academy, 10-8.

Lunchtime music: Passion music from Handel's Messiah, St Olave's, Hart Street, 1.05; Dino Liparti, pianist and composer, British Institute of Recorded Sound, 29 Exhibition Road, 1.05.

Concert: London String Orchestra performs work by Warlock, Elgar, Bach, Grieg and Mozart in aid of restoration fund, St Mary-le-Strand, 7.30.

York Minster: Compline and address, My image of God, Canon R. Hockley, 7.30.

Birmingham Fabian Society: Political ways and means, Mr G. Radice, MP, Aston University, 7.30.

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, March 7, 1953

Stalin lies in state

By Our Special Correspondent

Mr Stalin's body, taken from his private apartment in the Kremlin, is now lying in state in the Hall of Columns, the Russian trade union building, and thousands of mourners were stated yesterday to be filing past in a slow, unending procession. Moscow radio said that by 4 pm the line of mourners was 10 miles long and that it was the greatest demonstration of mourning ever seen in the capital. Pravda and all the newspapers throughout the length and breadth of Russia and the satellite countries appeared with heavy black borders and pictures of Mr Stalin, and all theatres and cinemas were closed till after the funeral. Schools were also closed for the day. It is estimated that it may take four or five days if all who desire to do so are to be given a chance to file past the body and pay their homage.

Mathematics test

The answers to the school-leavers' *mathematics test set by the Institute* of Mathematics (see page 1) are: 1. (a) 49; (b) 325. 2. (a) 24; (b) 809. 3. (a) 56; (b) 474. 4. (a) 4; (b) 27. 5. (a) 16.1; (b) 71.2. 6. (a) 127.5; (b) 2.7. 7. (a) 25 per cent; (b) 0.4. 8. (a) Four squares shaded; (b) Five nimths. 9. £1.68. 10. £12. 11. £369.20. 12. £149.09. 13. 10p. 14. 15 kgs. 15. (a) 16 hours; (b) 22 hours; (c) Talks. 16. (a) Eight per cent; (b) 80. 17. (a) 1,312; (b) 1.234; (c) 1,953.

Luncheons

HM Government

The Hon John Silkin, MP, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, was host at a luncheon given by her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of the Deputy Prime Minister for New Zealand. Among the guests were:

The High Commissioner for New Zealand, Mr B. Lynch, Mr I. L. G. Stewart, Mr E. A. Woodfield, Mr G. F. Thompson, Sir Alan Neale, Mr E. D. Hayes, Mr G. W. Wilson, Mr J. H. V. Davies and Mr R. J. Packer.

HM Government

Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State, Department of Trade, was host at a dinner held at Lancaster House last night in honour of the United Kingdom/Saudi Arabia Joint Commission.

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, chairman of the Institute of Sports Medicine, was host at a luncheon at the House of Lords yesterday on the occasion of a day-long symposium with the Society of Community Medicine on medical role in sport. The co-chairman of the day was Dr W. T. Orton, president of the society, and among those present were:

Professor Sir Ludwig Guttmann, Dr D. H. Marrian, Lady Swynnerton, Dr S. Lachmann, Mr F. O'Abreu, Mr M. Watson and Mr P. Sebastian.

Lady Mayoress

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the following guests at luncheon at the Mansion House yesterday:

The Mexican Ambassador and Señora de Tello, Lord and Lady Vernon, the Hon Peter Brooke, MP, and Mrs Brooke, Sir Jeremy and Lady Morse, Chairman of the Stock Exchange and Mrs Goodison, Mr Peregrine Worsthorne, Mrs S. Drummond, Miss A. Richards, Mr and Mrs Colin Thomas and Mr Robin Miller.

Dinners

Royal Society of Arts

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Society of Arts, attended the Trueman Wood Lecture given at the society's house by Sir William Hawthorne, Master of Churchill College, Cambridge, under the title Energy and the environment: conflict or compromise. After the lecture the chairman, Sir Peter Masefield, and members of the society's council entertained the Duke of Edinburgh at dinner, during which he presented the society's Albert Medal to Lord Robens of Woldingham. The guests included:

Viscount Caldecote, Mr Kenneth Robinson, Sir Michael Swann, Sir Francis Tombs, Sir Ian Bancroft, Sir Herbert Ashworth, Sir John Hill, Sir George Edwards, OM, Sir Ieuan Maddock, Sir Denis Rooke, Mr Alfred Robens, Mr Michael Edwardes, Mr Adam Thomson, Dr A. N. Frankland, Mr John Greenborough, Mr L. Grainger, Dr A. W. Pearce, Mr Norman Siddall and Mr E. M. Nicholson.

Association of County Councils

Mrs Elizabeth Coker, chairman of the executive council of the Association of County Councils, gave a dinner party at the Royal Automobile Club yesterday evening in honour of Mr William Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport. Other guests included:

Baroness Stedman, Sir Peter Baldwin, Mr John Horam, MP, Mr F. D. Pickering and representatives of the association's planning and transport committee and advisers and senior officers of the association.

Paviors' Company

The Paviors' Company held a livery dinner at Clothworkers' Hall last night after the installation of Mr R. J. Eaton as Master, Sir Graham Rowlandson as Upper Warden and Mr D. F. Rees as Renter Warden. *The toast of the* company was proposed by Mr Philip Henman, and the Master replied. The toast of the guests was proposed by the Renter Warden and replied to by Mr Peter Dunican, President of the Institution of Structural Engineers. Among the guests were:

Sir Norman Longley, the President of the Institution of Municipal Engineers and the Masters of the Tylers and Bricklayers and the Wheelwrights' companies.

Service dinner

HMS Collingwood

Captain J. Osborne, RN, was guest of honour at a service dinner held last night in the wardroom of HMS Collingwood on the occasion of his departure as the Director of Training Design at HMS Collingwood. Commander A. D. King, RN, presided.

Funeral

Mr A. Kidston

The funeral of Mr Archibald Kidston took place at St Peter's, Glasbury, on Tuesday. The Rev E. T. D. Lewis officiated, assisted by Canon O. W. Jones and the Rev Peter Jackson. Mr Glen Kidston read the lesson. Among those present were:

Mrs Kidston (widow), Miss Jane and Miss Catherine Kidston (daughters), *George and Hugo Kidston (sons)*, Mrs Sheffield (mother), Sir Reginald and Lady Sheffield, Miss S. Sheffield, the Hon Robin and Mrs Hoyer-Millar, Captain and Mrs C. B. Toller, Mr Mark Toller, Mr James Toller, Mr Guy Toller, Commander H. Kidston, Mrs C. Bullen-Smith, the Hon Peter and Mrs Playdell-Bouverie, Mr M. Soames, Miss C. Soames, Mr and Mrs G. Kidston-Montgomerie of Southannan, Miss V. Kidston, Mrs D. Whateley, Mr J. Playdell-Bouverie, Mr and Mrs J. Cosgrell, Mrs J. Wese, Lady Rose Hare, the Hon Richard Wood, MP, and Mrs Wood, Captain A. Smith Bingham, Captain and Mrs N. Brocksbank, Mr E. Wood, Mr and Mrs C. Lloyd, Mr and Mrs C. Smith-Bingham, Mr and Mrs J. Sheffield, Mrs M. Bullen, Mrs W. Windham, Mrs R. Ward, Mr and Mrs M. Todhunter.

The Hon James and Mrs Morrison, Mr A. Morrison, Mr and Mrs J. Macdonald-Buchanan, Mr and Mrs R. Gaskell, Mr and the Hon Mrs T. Scrimgeour-Brooke, Lady Rose Bardsley, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Mr and Mrs J. A. Floyd, Mr and Mrs J. Smith, Mr A. Rollo, Mr R. Sweeney, Mr and Mrs D. Gibson-Watt, the Hon Mrs Bromley-Martin, Miss Hutton, Colonel R. Pound and Mrs M. St Clair, Mr and Mrs Tormey, Mrs Nilsen, Mr and Mrs A. Godding, Sir William Dugdale, the Earl of Eglinton and Winton, the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke, Miss E. Williams, Mr W. Cuthbert, Mr L. Patterson, Major M. Gold, Mr and Mrs M. Willes, Lady Cecil, Mr R. Morgan Jones, Mr D. Morgan Jones, Mr C. Barstow, Mr and Mrs A. Wallace, Captain A. Wetherell, Mrs E. N. Thomas, Mr and Mrs N. Tyler, Viscount and Viscountess Allendale, the Hon Nicholas and Mrs Beaumont, Mr J. McKinnon, Major and Mrs P. Shuter, Mr D. Jessel, Major P. Verdin, Lady Mary Mansel Lewis, Major and Mrs W. Riley, Mr R. Jones, Mrs Horne, Mr Stevens, Mr Hawks, Mr Marsh, Mr Allen, Mr B. Pomeroy, Mrs Morsen, Mrs A. Davies, Mr Ripman, Mr and Mrs C. Woosman, Mr M. Mees, Mr E. Jewson, Major John and Lady Elizabeth Baxendale, Viscountess Sudley, Mr and Mrs M. Bourdillon, the Hon Richard Stanley and Lady Grimthorpe.

Science report

Radioastronomy: Galactic jets

A beam of radiation squirting out of the nucleus of a radio galaxy has been discovered by radio astronomers. The observation means that the very large-scale structure of radio galaxies may be produced by the activity of a tiny source of energy at the galactic centre.

Measurements with optical telescopes show that the galaxy labelled NGC 6251 is about a quarter of a million light years in diameter but radiotelescopes detect an object much larger than that. There are two enormous regions of radio emission, on *opposite sides of the visible* galaxy, that are about 10 million light years apart. In a year light travels nearly six million million miles, and NGC 6251 is one of the largest radio galaxies.

Similar structures are seen in many radio galaxies and they look as if, at some time in the past, an enormous explosion had blown the radio-emitting regions away from the centre. But the measurements do not fit that explanation, and the favoured theory proposes that at the centre of the galaxy there is an energy source that shoots out beams of radiation. It is the energy in those beams that gives rise to the observed radio waves.

If that theory is correct it should be possible to detect the beams of radiation linking a tiny object at a galactic centre to the separate regions of radio emission millions of light years away.

Astronomers at the Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory, Cambridge, recently observed the galaxy NGC 6251 and discovered evidence for a beam of radiation half a million light years long pointing from the visible galaxy towards the radio-emitting regions. The straight and narrow jet of radio emission came from the region of the galactic centre but the Cambridge telescope was not able to resolve the fine detail of its origin.

Now three radiotelescopes in America have been used in combination to examine the nucleus of the galaxy NGC 6251 in detail. They observe radio waves from a region only a millionth the size of that covered by the Cambridge telescope, but they too have discovered a jet of radio emission. That jet is only six light years long but it is pointing in exactly the same direction as the larger jet. It is now clear that the radio regions millions of light years distant are linked directly to a compact object at the very centre of the galaxy.

The nature of the central nucleus itself is the next difficulty. One theory proposes that there is a rotating black hole at the centre and the beams of radiation are produced by material being sucked into the black hole. That theory, which has received some support from the radiotelescope observations, has also been invoked to explain the massive energy output from quasars.

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OBITUARY

LADY MELLANBY

Research on diet and teeth

Lady Mellanby, widow of Sir Edward Mellanby, GBE, FRS, secretary of the Medical Research Council, died on March 5 at the age of 95. May Mellanby spent part of her childhood in Russia, where her father, George Tweedy, was concerned with developing the oil industry. Her family was then prosperous but unpopular with the Tsarist authorities on account of their socialist views, and her father's efforts to improve the education of his workers. During her early life she enjoyed the friendship of Ramsay Macdonald and his family and other labour leaders, and even in old age she never lost her left-wing friends and her progressive views. It was somewhat ironic, therefore, that she inherited a vast number of worthless Russian oil shares, and that until quite recently she put in a token appearance once a year at official meetings necessary to keep the oil companies alive. Ultimately she and the other shareholders decided that this was a lost cause, though in the 1930s it was only her husband's concern for her safety that prevented her from going to Russia herself to try to negotiate with the Soviet Government.

She was an undergraduate at Girton College, Cambridge, from 1902-05, when she sat both parts of the Natural Sciences Tripos. Like other women, she could not officially obtain a Cambridge degree until after the Second World War. Nevertheless she was appointed a Research Scholar and, later, a lecturer in Physiology at Bedford College for Women in the University of London. She gave up this post in 1914 on her marriage, when she moved with her husband to Sheffield where he completed his classical work relating vitamin D to the disease of rickets. During the early years of her marriage she acted as a more-than-full-time but unpaid laboratory assistant to her husband. He always acknowledged the contribution she made, both then and during the period from 1935 to 1949, when he was secretary to the Medical Research Council, a very full-time administrative appointment, which she encouraged him to continue to be one of the most productive medical scientists in Britain.

May Mellanby carried out much of her scientific work to help her husband, but nevertheless she made a substantial personal contribution to research on diet and teeth. Work with animals convinced her that a diet adequate in vitamins A and D and low in sugar, if administered prenatally and in the immediate post natal period, profoundly affected the tooth structure, making the teeth resistant to decay. She extended this work to humans, carrying out controlled experiments in childrens' homes and with the offspring of her friends and relatives. Many mothers in all ranks of society consumed little bread, plenty of milk and prescribed amounts of cod liver oil during pregnancy and lactation, and gave their children no supplementary carbohydrate during their first year of life. Some were disappointed with the results: many children reached their teens and even adulthood with little or no dental caries, a result which surprised members of the dental profession particularly as most of the carefully children never used a tooth brush. She also showed that their teeth were well-formed in infancy, even a sugar-rich diet causing little damage in later life. Her results were published in the MRC Special Reports.

Her work received recognition in the award of the Cambridge ScD, and in honorary DSc degrees from Sheffield and Liverpool universities. She particularly appreciated her election to an honorary fellowship at Girton in 1958. She had a great affection for her college where she was always a welcome visitor. Her final honour was the Science Award of the International Association for Dental Research in 1975.

PROFESSOR A. D. THACKERAY

Michael W. Feast writes:

Professor David Thackeray, Director of the Radcliffe Observatory Pretoria 1950-1974 and then Radcliffe Professor of Astronomy at the University of Cape Town, died on February 21. Educated at Eton and Kings College Cambridge he was a Commonwealth Fund Fellow at the Mount Wilson Observatory California and later Assistant Director of the Solar Physics Observatory, Cambridge. In 1948 he went to Pretoria where the 1.9m Radcliffe reflector, then the largest in the Southern Hemisphere, was just coming into use.

The series of important investigations he carried out in Pretoria undoubtedly stimulated much of the current interest in Southern Hemisphere astronomy. Perhaps his most striking discovery (with A. J. Wesselink in 1952) was that the distances of the two Magellanic Clouds (the nearest galaxies) had been under-estimated by a factor or two. A similar result (but on less certain evidence) was found at the same time for the Andromeda galaxy by Baade. As a result the current age of the Universe was doubled, the paradox that the age of Earth was greater than that the Universe resolved. This eray also showed that there were both old and young stars in the Magellanic Clouds contrary to earlier supposition.

His work also contributed largely to establishing that spheroidal galaxies consisted entirely of old stars. He made spectroscopic studies of many important southern objects and studied the kinematics of young stars in both the galaxy and the Magellanic Clouds.

He was returning to Cape Town after a successful year observing with the 1.9m reflector now sited at the South African Astronomical Observatory Sutherland, Cape Province, when the vehicle in which he was a passenger was struck by a violent whirlwind and overturned. He was killed instantaneously. He is survived by his widow, Mary, and four children.

David Thackeray was elected an Associate of the Royal Astronomical Society on February 10, 1978, a distinguishing mark all previous Associates had been non-British.

MR A. B. NUTT

Mr Albert Boswell Nutt, *FRCS*, Ophthalmic Surgeon, United Sheffield Hospitals from 1948 to 1963, died on February 27 at the age of 79.

He was born in Sheffield on July 7, 1898, the only son of Ernest Smith Nutt. He had the essential virtue of humility, particularly in his approach to the treatment of his patients, following the classical tradition *of relating their ophthalmolo*gical state to the whole body condition.

After leaving King Edward VII School in Sheffield Bertie, as he was called by his friends, studied medicine at the Universities of Sheffield and London, becoming MSc in Sheffield in 1922 where, in the following year, he was awarded the Clinical Gold Medal in Medicine and Surgery. He was honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Sheffield Royal Infirmary 1927-48 and to the Children's Hospital 1938-48. It was there that he developed a great interest in orthoptics and muscular anomalies of the eye movements and delivered many papers at meetings and to the journals on these subjects. He took a great interest in the administration and progressive development of the orthoptic profession and held the position of chairman of the British Orthoptic Board from 1958 to 1970. He maintained this interest long after he had retired from the active staff of the United Sheffield Hospitals in 1963.

He was a member of the *council of the Faculty of* Ophthalmology from 1947 and was president of the council from 1963 to 1965. He was also vice-president of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, a council member and Master of the 6th Ophthalmological Congress 1961-62, which position gave him especial pleasure, and was appointed an honorary member in 1977. He represented the Faculty of Ophthalmology on the Royal College of Surgeons Council for five years, was examiner for the Royal FRCS for several years, a Hunterian Professor of the College in 1954. In fact there were few committees involved in ophthalmological affairs which did not at some time have the advantage of his advice.

He gave singular service to his native city in which he was widely loved. He was made *member of the Sheffield* Trustees and was, at the time of his death, Town Collector (Chairman). He was made an Hon LLD by Sheffield University in 1974.

A slipped disc in his early sixties forced him to give up golf of which he had been a devotee, and he devoted more time to his beautiful garden at Thornsett Dore, converting from a well kept Victorian garden to a more modern garden full of choice and often rare trees and shrubs, many planted with masses of bulbs. The garden was until recently internationally famous for its snowdrops.

A kind and most understanding person, he was not often deterred from the path which he chose to tread. His family meant a great deal to him and he is survived by his wife Olive Margaret, nee Robertson, a daughter and two sons.

PROF B. R. SHENOY

Professor B. R. Shenoy, the distinguished Indian economist, died in New Delhi on February 20, at the age of 72. Among his many appointments he had been director of monetary research for the Reserve Bank of India, alternate Executive Director at the World Bank and IMF, and President of the Indian Economic Association.

A correspondent writes:

B. R. Shenoy was admired by his many friends for his courage and independence of mind, qualities which were severely tested in an India impatient for growth and hopeful of governmental planning. Shenoy was the only critic among the panel of economic advisers of the ambitious five year plan, and his criticisms were to be vindicated in every detail. Although this made him a somewhat isolated figure in his own country, his international reputation among his professional colleagues was very high.

JOE MARSALA

Joe Marsala, a well-known jazz clarinetist of the swing era, has died in Santa Barbara, California, at the age of 71.

Born in Chicago, Marsala worked with Art Hodes, Jimmy O'Brien and other Chicago groups before joining Wingy Manone in 1929 for whom he later worked at New York's Hickory House. There he formed his own combo, one of the first mixed combos seen on 52nd Street, in 1936, introducing such talents as Bobby Hackett, Buddy Rich, Red Allen, Shelly Manne, Dave Tough, Pee Wee Russkin and Eddie Condon. Marsala's wife, Adele Girard, whom he married in 1937, played the harp in the band.

As a songwriter, he was best known for "Don't Cry Joe", "Little Sir Echo" and "I'll Be So to Sleep Again". After the war he was less active as a player turning, rather, to music publishing.

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Throbbings of noontide

The Older Hardy
By Robert Gittings
(Heinemann Educational, £6.95)

Essay on Hardy
By John Bayley
(Cambridge, £6.95)

Years with Thomas Hardy at Max Gate
By Vere H. Collins
(Macmillan, £5.95)

Robert Gittings, John Bayley and Vere H. Collins converge on the art and character of Thomas Hardy from three entirely different directions. Gittings writes biographical criticism, intensively matching the revelations of Hardy's work with the frequent concealments of his life; Bayley's subject is what he calls "the complex figure in attending to it"; and Collins was a devoted fan who visited Hardy and his second wife six times between 1920 and 1922.

Collins published the results of conversations after Hardy's death in 1928, setting them out with stage-directions like a potential drawing-room play. The result has an authenticity of period and is sometimes unwittingly funny:

"Mr Hardy, I hope I am not keeping you up too much of your time."

"Stay as long as you like. Do not think of us, but only of your own comfort."

"Thank you very much. And what train are you thinking of taking?"

Was there, perhaps, the fraction too much of a tiny pause between the last two sentences? Very few casual visitors were persuaded to stay overnight at Max Gate. Hardy refused to install a bathroom until 1921—and it must have been characteristic of the Victorian era to make sure, despite Hardy's protestations of hospitality to the contrary, that this was quite the case, that this was quite the case. "Old men like to know what is going to happen over the next few hours, and, in retain some control of it. Hardy was infinitely canny.

Gittings's Hardy, whose acquaintance we first made three years ago in *Young Thomas Hardy* (Penguin, £1.25), is not an attractive figure. Permanently adolescent in the impulsiveness of his attraction to, and for, younger women, he was largely unaware of the pain and suffering he caused his first wife Emma for the last 30 years of her life, and his second wife Florence. Immediately Emma had died. Gittings points out that Hardy, for all his deviousness elsewhere, rarely lied in his poetry, and the key text for this tormented portrait occurs as early as his first published collection, *Wessex Poems* (1898):

I look into my glass
And view my wasting skin,
And say, "Would God it came to pass
My heart had shrunk so thin!"

* * *

But Time, to make me grieve,
Part steals, lets part abide;
And shakes this fragile frame at eve
With throbbings of noontide.



Emma as Hardy first knew her.

The throbbings of noontide flowed back into the past, too. Hardy became obsessed with the ghosts of his dead family and past loves. We learn from *The Older Hardy* that Emma's death in 1912 followed a lingering and painful illness disregarded by the poet, and that, overwhelmed by guilty grief, he then proceeded to abandon Florence Dugdale, with whom he had been in love for years, whilst he saw again the Cornish scenes of his idyllic romance with Emma. In the great sequence of poems that resulted from the journey idyll, romance and guilty grief were all unbearably heightened and simplified whilst the far from timid Florence was so frightened of Dorchester's hatred that she slept with a loaded revolver in her bedroom at Max Gate. Emma Hardy was avenged.

It is curious how the formidable Emma, for long so abused by the Hardy industry, is getting all the attention, both in print and on television, in this anniversary year. Gittings defends her warmly, denies that she offered to burn the manuscript of *Jude* (which, as a practising Christian, she detested) and convincingly claims that her own literary skill (if not her punctuation), showed more true life than those of Florence or the other aspiring literary ladies who appealed to Hardy's taste.

Most of Emma's writings were burned after her death, but Gittings describes her surviving 15,000 word memoir as "delightful", and at least one letter in the Bodleian indicates to the full the bitterness and humiliation of being Mrs Thomas Hardy. "Keeping separate a good deal is a wise plan in crises", she advises a friend who had just married Kenneth Graham and had solicited Emma's opinion of men:

—and being both free—and expecting little neither gratitude, nor attention, love nor justice, nor anything you may set your heart on—Love interest—adoration and all that kind of thing is usually a failure complete—Someone comes by and upsets your pail of milk in the end.

This was the Emma presented in Tristram Powell's Hardy film, *A Haunted Man*, which followed the line of Gittings's two books with scrupulous fidelity, and offered a temptingly plausible almost too warm, impersonation by Billie Whitelaw. Charles Causley's programme for Westward, transmitted after most viewers would have been off to bed, covered remarkably similar ground: the poet-novelist haunted by the Cornish experience which led to a wretched but deeply inspiring first marriage. With the Powell-Potter *Mayor of Casterbridge* so magnificently concluded over the past two weeks, Alan Bates and Janet Maw drawing on depths of ever-greater intensity as Henchard and Elizabeth-Jane, it was moving to see the emotional landscape of the poems so attractively and intelligently displayed not once but twice in two weeks.

Hardy's readership is increasing all the time and there is every reason to believe that Dorchester will become at least another Haworth over the next few years. The view seems to be growing that whilst people read Dickens and Tolstoy for the excitement of apparent inevitability and—dare one suggest it?—glamour, they read Hardy because they find he writes about life as they have invariably discovered it to be: existentialist, inconclusive, disappointing, or downright dull, making up an existentialist sequence of what Hardy himself in one of his very last poems called "neutral-tinted haps".

John Bayley discerns the same kind of precariousness and vulnerability not only in the subject-matter of the novels but in the way they are written, too. In his highly original but somewhat perverse essay the presence of risk in Hardy's technique and ambition elates him for its own sake, particularly, it seems to me, if the risk fails. This is indeed the kind of criticism which throws more light on interesting failures than on great masterpieces and so we learn more about *Desperate Remedies*, *The Hand of Ethelberta*, *A Laodicean* and *Two on a Tower* than about *The Return of the Native* or *Tess*, both of which Mr Bayley takes apart but does not reassemble.

From two brief references, he would seem to regard the Gittings method of detailed biographical enquiry as vulgarly speculative, but if Gittings does not compound one's sense of Hardy's greatness neither, at least on a first reading, does Mr Bayley. As he grasps at each fugitive achievement his argument rarely stays still or follows a straight line and yet I think he loves the man. In one of his more accessible insights he suggests that the consciousness of Thomas Hardy and of Elizabeth-Jane Newson are almost one and the same. It was Elizabeth-Jane's nature (so Hardy concluded *The Mayor* which "found scope in discovering to the narrow-lived ones around her, the secret (as she had once learned it) of making limited opportunities endurable". Yet one has only to read *Young Thomas Hardy* and *The Older Hardy*, of course, to see that whilst she succeeded in consoling the narrow-lived-ones around, her the predator of Max Gate did not.

Michael Ratcliffe

Organizing changes

Edward Heath on the father of Europe

Memoirs
By Jean Monnet
Translated by Richard Mayne
(Collins, £13).

Few men in modern times have exerted so much influence over governmental decision-makers and yet remained out of the public eye as Jean Monnet. Even those who recognize the immense contribution he has made to the creation and development of the European Communities may well not be aware of the important role he filled behind the scenes in both world wars as well as at the League of Nations in its early days.

In this elegantly written and well-translated autobiography Jean Monnet, now in his ninetieth year, describes not only the major events in an amazingly full life, but also the line of thought which has consistently guided him. It is fascinating to find how early in life he established his basic techniques and how successfully he pursued them for more than 60 years.

At the age of 16 Monnet had no other desire than to go out into the world and equip himself to serve the family firm in Cognac. In the two years he spent in the City of London he got to know the British well. This period was followed with travels in America, the Middle East and other parts of Europe. Already he was developing his approach to the management of human affairs. "Very early on, my instinct told me that thought cannot be divorced from action. It has been a rule with me ever since."

On his long walks he clarified his thoughts so that the essentials could be placed simply and briefly on paper in a form in which they could then be implemented. For this, he concluded, it was both necessary and natural "to bring together as a team men who had been previously divided by artificial barriers".

In Cognac he learnt the lesson that patience was required to achieve his ends. In North America he found dynamism leading to expansion and from that came another of his tenets, it was necessary "to organize change". To these working rules I will add one I learnt when I first met him in Paris in September, 1970. "The important thing in securing effective action", he told me, "is to know the level at which the decision is really taken and if possible to be on good terms with the person who takes it."

When Monnet came to the conclusion that the first World war could only be won by setting up joint Anglo-French bodies to share the production purchase and cost of supplies he decided that his own Prime Minister was the only person who had the power to put this into practice "so why not go knocking on his door?". A bold step for a young man of 26. He got his way. So began the movement towards the joint committees for transport and supplies. By his belief in finding common solutions to common problems, Monnet made a singular contribution to the production of supplies and the defeat of the German submarine siege. In the Second world war he found himself once again carrying out the same duties but this time his approach was taken for granted.

These experiences, together with his term as Deputy in the League of Nations Secretariat at Geneva directly after the First World War, convinced him that progress could only be made in human affairs when countries were persuaded to act jointly, not merely by responsibilities for their actions and the benefits accruing from them. They had to consultation but by sharing the find common solutions to common problems. All too often this could only be brought about by necessity. when both France and Germany saw the need to solve the Sarre problem it was Monnet who produced the plan. He had already been responsible for setting France on the road to economic recovery when he had been put in charge of his country's national plan. It was now his turn to deal with international events. Handed to Schuman, the French Foreign Minister—Monnet having first sent it to Bidault, the Prime Minister, who left it unread in a drawer of his desk—it quickly became the Schuman plan which, accepted by Ademauer, led to the formation of the coal and Steel Community over which Monnet later presided.

The concluding chapters of *Memoirs* dealing with Britain's negotiations with the Community are of particular interest. Monnet's view was that Britain should become a member of the Community by accepting it *en principe* leaving the members to solve the problems together afterwards. This would undoubtedly have led to a quick negotiation and might well have avoided President de Gaulle's veto in January, 1963. What Monnet could never bring himself to accept was that the suspicions which existed among the Six about Britain's intentions and the task of currying public opinion in the House of Commons, in the Commonwealth and among the Members of the European Free Trade Association made this impossible.

However, Monnet never despaired of seeing Britain a Member of the Community, his constant encouragement sustained those of us who were fighting to bring it about and he can look back with satisfaction on the eventual achievement of his lifelong ideal.

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By Freya Stark
Vol III: The Growth of Confidence, 1935-39
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(John Murray, £7.95 each)

Freya Stark
By Lucy Moorehead
(Hamish Hamilton, £7.95 each)

Freya Stark is a special kind of traveller that is visited upon us from time to time, of otherwise exceptional stamina by a prosperous benign spirit which, from time to time, leans on them heavily, forcing them to slow down. The question occurs to one reading these two further volumes of Dame Freya's letters. Before I began I remembered that Vol II had ended with her being flown out of the Hadramaut on a stretcher to a hospital in Aden. I am still in my heart a little shaken by my so very near approach to death", she writes in Vol III's opening letter to her friend Venetia Buddicom. The shadows of illness fall not infrequently across the pages of all this published correspondence, but apart from the setback in 1938 to her health (who had complained of the physical drawbacks

of the Scott was a valued contributor to The Times. This review was written shortly before his death last week.

during 76 and received this reply: "It is now 14 years since I have never done anything without the feeling of relief and I have only failed on one of my expeditions (without wondering if I was strong enough to face it), so consistently and invariably resilient and cheerful it seems in no way surprising that, in her eighty-first year found her floating down the Euphrates on a raft with a BBC television crew.

It is hard to suppose nowadays one could refer to her as a traveller, but I imagine she would not object to being called the last distinguished woman traveller of the age. With an eye for becoming hats and haute couture she has always been able to take her mind off the hardships and dangers by planning her homecoming wardrobe, part of her success with the world of women has probably been due to this very feminine side of her nature; cosy chats about clothes seem apparently coming naturally as the equally delightful but austerer exchanges with their lords and masters helped to ensure the success of her many ventures in a male dominated world.

These two volumes, Vol II *The Growth of Confidence*, and Vol III *The Growth of Danger*, give us the chance to see her characteristically as a traveller in Southern Arabia. By its end Vol III has begun and a new theme, dark is emerging from the mists of privacy: a shy but positive and persistent but brightening the drab monotony of civil and military bureaucracy in Aden, Cairo and Baghdad and catching the attention of generals, ambassadors and Cabinet ministers. The reason for this metamorphosis was the Establishment's gradual recognition of the wartime value of her knowledge of Arabia and of her high reputation among its inhabitants.

Freya Stark, VIP, propagandist, organizer of pro-British cells and brotherhoods in Yemen, Iraq, Persia and Egypt; patriot, liberal imperialist, anti-pacifist, woman of increasing political influence, is the star of Volume IV, and some readers may pine a bit for the woman who was once thought of by English officials and their wives in Baghdad as not at all the thing because she preferred to live on the wrong side of the Tigris and make friends with natives.

I imagine the war years will take up another volume and perhaps the question arises about the need for so full a published record of her letters. But what to dispense with? She seems incapable of writing a dull letter and the list of correspondents is never unwieldy.

This batch of letters throws some interesting sidelights on the war in North Africa and the Middle East. On the personal level there are the numerous and often touching letters to her mother whom, through friends, she at last managed to have rescued from her home in Fascist Italy and sent to safety in America, only then to get news of her illness and death. On a lighter note altogether, in both volumes, there is the serio-comic affair, and its aftermath, of her abrasive association in 1939 with the archaeologist, Gertrude Caton Thompson, who accompanied her on a dig in Southern Arabia but made the grave mistake of conducting herself as if she were the expedition's leader and of treating Arabs, Sheikhs and all, as if they existed merely to do her bidding.

Never again, Miss Stark vowed, would she venture abroad with another woman, and took her revenge on the hapless Miss Caton Thompson by making her the villainess of her next book. Some skilful and diplomatic editorial steering was necessary to enable it to be published without fear of repercussions; but here is the fuller story, and I shall long treasure this picture of our usually intrepid but calm and soft-spoken heroine, with back arched and claws out and the fur flying.

Paul Scott

Murderous business

Fiction

Dispatches
By Michael Herr
(Picador, £1.25)

Helicopters full of dead men in green plastic bags. A killed Vietcong girl photographed after being spreadeagled pornographically. An American conscript taking pills by the fistful. "downs from the left pocket of his tiger suit and ups from the right." The forces radio broadcasting (in December 1967) that "The Pentagon announced today that, compared to Korea, the Vietnam War will be an economy war, provided that it does not exceed the Korean War in length, which means that it will have to end sometime in 1968." (What did happen in 1968 was the Tet offensive, the siege of Khe Sanh, and Johnson's decision not to seek re-election as President.)

Michael Herr's book is like pictures from a lunatic exhibition. "In war more than in other life," he writes, "you don't really know what you're doing most of the time, you're just behaving." Americans in the Vietnam War behaved like men penned in behind the bars of Bedlam.

Every journalist, of course, sees a different reality. Herr saw a world where you had to be very crazy indeed to count as crazy. You had to fire off a whole magazine, perhaps, at someone who was simply a stranger; or to booby-trap your own company's latrines with a hand-grenade.

He had an advantage over many other journalists who covered the war. He was not a newsman, forced to attend the grotesque daily briefings (mere public relations) of the American military mission, then scurrying to the telex to file copy. He had the breathing space given by writing for *Rolling Stone* or *Esquire*. He could take the crucial luxury of talking to ordinary soldiers going about their ordinary, tedious, murderous business. Murderous both for them and for their opponents.

In Vietnam some American moral weak point was opened up, which festered like a gangrenous wound. The inhumanities of Auschwitz and the Gulag Archipelago are irredeemably and inevitably German and Russian: not sheer accidents of history. So the Vietnam War's forced coupling of high technology and low obscenity was as American as a Linda Lovelace skinflick.

Herr lists 17 credits to song companies at the start of *Dispatches*. The lyrics of Jimi Hendrix, Frank Zappa, Mick Jagger interleave the thoughts and actions of these trapped conscripts—so many of them urban blacks or poor whites from the south or west. The heart of the reporting he draws on is from 1967 and 1968. This was one half of the consciousness of the American young: the other half was Flower Power. Beauty and the Beast.

Dispatches begins awkwardly, in the oblique, mannered prose of a rock magazine. But Herr then breaks through into the slow movement of his diabolic symphony: his account of the ill-starred defence of Khe Sanh by the US Marines. Question: "What's the difference between the Marine Corps and the Boy Scouts?" Answer: "The Boy Scouts have adult leadership."

It is at Khe Sanh, with one of his conscript friends, that Herr runs into a Marines lieutenant in the dark, who learns that he is a reporter:

"Well", the lieutenant said, "you missed the good part. You should have been here five minutes ago. We caught three of them out there by the first wire." "What were they trying to do?" I asked.

"Don't know. Maybe cut the wires. Maybe lay in a mine, steal some of our Claymores, throw grenades, harass us some, don't known. Won't know, now."

We heard then what sounded at first like a little girl crying, a subdued, delicate wailing, and as we listened it became louder and more intense, taking on pain as it grew until it was a full, piercing shriek.

The three of us turned to each other, we could almost feel each other shivering. It was terrible, absorbing every other sound coming from the darkness. Whoever it was, he was past caring about anything except the thing he was screaming about.

Another Marine came up with a grenade-launcher and fired. The screaming stopped. The lieutenant said he hoped that Herr "was getting some real good stories here". Herr and the conscript went back to the bunker for some sleep.

That perhaps gives the flavour of this patchy but remarkable book, which embodies what Vietnam meant to young Americans, as well as the war itself.

On the way back home, Herr chewed a small ball of opium given him by a war photographer. Thomas De Quincey would have taken the point. Vietnam was famous many other things) a dope nightmare.

Paul Barker

Monday Lunch in Fairyland and other stories
By Angela Huth
(Collins, £4.50)

Ackroyd
By Jules Feiffer
(Hutchinson, £4.50)

Bandicoot
By Richard Condon
(Hutchinson, £4.75)

Still Life
By Serena Sue Hilsinger
(Hamish Hamilton, £4.50)

Angela Huth is one of our finest naturalists of those most extraordinary of all species in the jungle of the world, women and men. She is perceptive and wry, understanding and humorous about the mazes of the mortal mind. This collection of 16 short stories, 11 of which have appeared previously in sundry philanthropic magazines that still occasionally publish short stories, deal with jealousy and shyness, love and loneliness, and that most difficult of all human enterprises, marriage.

The characters whose skin she gets inside come in all sorts and conditions, though she is particularly good on the old. But they tend to be middle-class, middle-aged, living in or near London, and torn by one sort of guilt or another, usually, as the world goes, the sexual sort. Nothing very outlandish happens. A dry intellectual runs away from his emotions for the last time. A lonely widow living in a tower block finds that people befriend her only after she has had an accident. A coach party from an asylum disrupts a village fete. The aged at an old folks' home marry; the young at a house party in New Jersey pair off.

Some of the stories, like the chaste gourmets off on a dirty weekend with the *spécialité de la maison*, are funny. Others, like the old gentlefolk fallen on hard times and gin, are wistful. All are illuminating.

When a young American sets up in New York as a private detective under the pseudonym of Roger Ackroyd, the plain man is led to expect a whimsical detective story. But how different, how very different, *Ackroyd* is from the cosy country house party life of our own dear Agatha. You do not need to be Hercule Poirot to deduce as much from the name of the author, Jules Feiffer, that witty navigator and cartographer of neurosis.

His terminally vulnerable hero lives in a world of alienation, obsession, and hysteria, in which small boys refuse to eat, except, metaphorically, their mothers, a telephone ringing is an attack, and Everyman is the Quisling in his own ranks. With friends like his, who needs enemas? The private detective is in rebellion against his rich father, but has an unhappy tendency to adopt his clients as father figures, and fall in love metaphorOedipally with their wives and mistresses. His chief client and victim over seven years is a successful writer possibly plagued by a mysterious psychological episode from school.

Americans, who are more obsessed with pseudopsychology than we are, and more familiar with the patter of alienation, will find the farce easier going than the British. But this is a witty grand tour of the inside of the shrunken head of the hung-up American.

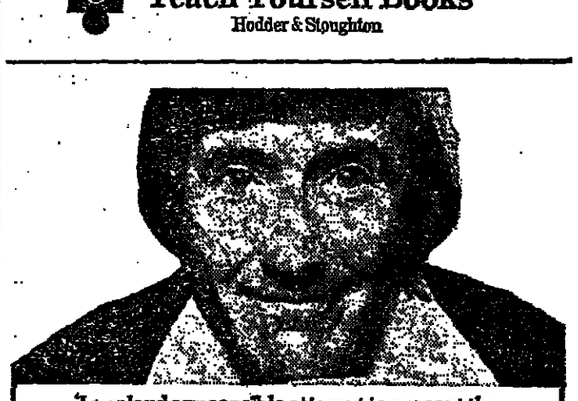
Farce and thriller are awkward genres to combine. Both operate in mad closed worlds, but farce suspends belief, thriller tries to suspend disbelief. When put between the same covers, they pull against each other. Richard Condon of *The Manchurian Candidate* is a witty and intelligent writer of thrillers.

In *Bandicoot* he attempts a farcical send-up of James Bondage, with its vulgar gourmandise, wealth snobbery, adolescent sexual athletics, and arch name-dropping of the latest gadgetry. His hero, a superBond with the VC, has a catastrophic compulsion for gambling and losing. By the end he is being chased around the outback by the Australian police and army, the CIA, Dr Kissinger, an airborne commando of the KGB, Japanese spies, a company of mercenaries fresh from Angola, various private killers, his wife, his mistress, and other minor characters.

It is a scene for the Keystone Kops rather than the thud and blunder of Bond, who, even at his most unbearable, took himself seriously. It is written with style, but falls between the stools of farce and thriller, and has a number of misprints that suggest that others also found it hard to take seriously.

Professor Hilsinger's novel is a gentle, melancholy story of two disinherited daughters of the American dream, the elder just widowed, her niece by marriage just divorced. Separately they are sinking, not swimming. But they come together, survive, and escape back to life in a nutty New England village. It is a perceptive and moving account of loneliness and community.

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Excellent and melancholic poet

Edward Thomas
A Poet for his Country
By Jan Marsh
(Elek, £7.95)

March 3 was the centenary of the poet Edward Thomas's birth: a likely occasion for misrepresentation. Thus, "Few poets" says a mass-circulation weekly, "have been so underestimated in their lifetime". But Thomas was not known, at all, as a poet, in his lifetime. His poems were first published in 1920; he was killed in 1917.

In this new study Jan Marsh at least gets the facts right and uses copious quotation from the poems to illumine the lives of Thomas and his wife Helen, which of course she has had to learn about from other books—for instance from de la Mare's introduction to the poems: from Helen's beautiful autobiographies; or John Moore's *Life and Letters* (1939). As it happens, all three were my friends. I cannot forget de la Mare emphasising how *loveable* Thomas was: silent but a superb talker; witty and also funny; grave and gentle and caustic; who came among Londoners with a difference. This is not at all how Ms Marsh sees him.

When I went to visit Helen in Wiltshire there was a signpost in Chippenham which pointed "to London" in diametrically opposite directions. Wiltshire was really where Thomas's childhood, boyhood and young manhood *was*. London was like that signpost, to go to for work, wherever it was.

John Moore and I so often talked about Edward, whom we couldn't have known, and Helen whom we did—(and she too was loveable)—that I am bound to feel that Moore's *Life* is the one written truly and admirably; and he too was a country man. Given a sort of quiz-question, "who was 'a displaced suburbanite'?", I doubt if de la Mare or Moore or Helen herself would have come up with E.T. as the answer, but having just heard Wordsworth described as a "town boy" by a more mature blue-stocking, it's difficult to know where one is. But the author does not allow for Swindon-as-it-was then, or the real wildness of Wimbledon Common, or the value of £1 before 1914.

Fashions change and it is manifestly Ms Marsh's object to tell readers how good a poet Thomas is. Thus she finds it odd that Thomas has not received enough *academic* attention. He has missed that now essential accolade, she thinks, because his poems are too "lucid"—and they remain so. She has filled the gap. But how did she miss (or not acknowledge) what F. R. Leavis wrote as long ago as 1932? [Thomas *is a very original poet who devoted great technical subtlety to the expression of a distinctively modern sensibility.*]

The trouble may lie in this word "modern" which has tended in all the arts to be synonymous with "urban". It may have been subconscious but it looks as if Ms Marsh has to prove Thomas's suburbanity in order to justify her belief that he wrote good poetry. However, what Edward and Helen Thomas might really have criticized is not so much the account of their life and work but the manner in which this tribute is written.

Demographically the area was static and in decline. Socially it was a surviving outpost of near-feudal paternalism and deference to landlord and gentry.

Sentences like these don't stand out as they ought. The book is a spotted dick, suet from end to end, with 363 currants of footnotes inside it. Edward Thomas really cared about style: oh, for someone to do for this excellent and melancholic poet what David Cecil did for William Cowper!

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38	25	War Ln 3½%	36	+⅛	9.879	..
39	26	Conv 3½%	36	+⅛	9.438	..
28	20	Treas 3%	25	+⅛	11.554	..
24	17	Consols 2½%	22	+⅛	11.147	..
24	17	Treas 2½% Aft 75	21	+⅛	11.546	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
103	91	Aust 5½% 76-78	103	+⅛	5.498	4.863
95	79	Aust 5½% 77-80	95	+⅛	5.651	9.173
85	69	Aust 5½% 81-82	84	+⅛	6.482	10.125
87	63	Aust 6% 81-83	84	+⅛	7.255	10.039
91	77	Aust 7% 79-81	91	..	7.703	10.176
90	90	Chilean Mixed	90	..	..	..
75	61	E Africa 5½% 77-83	74	..	7.855	12.931
360	267	German 4½% 1930	340	..	..	..
42	33	Hungary 4½% 1924	41	..	..	..
98	89	Ireland 7½% 81-83	97	+⅛	..	..
79	84	Jamaica 7½% 77-79	94	..	7.997	10.313
335	225	Japan Ass 4% 1910	335	..	..	..
72	63	Japan 6% 83-88	72	..	..	..
74	67	Kenya 5% 78-82	77	..	6.520	12.098
96	69	Malaya 7½% 78-82	84	..	9.963	12.475
96	81	N Z 6% 76-80	94	+⅛	6.394	9.498
79	58	N Z 7½% 88-92	71	+⅛	10.283	11.519
89	68	N Z 7% 83-86	80	+⅛	8.817	10.227
91	74	N Rhd 6% 78-81	89	..	6.767	10.287
91	74	Nyasa 6% 78-81	89	..	6.767	10.723
155	145	Peru 6% Ass	155	..	..	..
94	82	S Africa 9½% 79-81	94	..	..	..
70	30	S Rhd 2½% 65-70	62	+1	..	..
63	20	S Rhd 4½% 87-92	58	..	..	..
96	44	S Rhd 6% 78-81	93	..	..	..
55	45	Spanish 4%	45	..	..	..
81	67	Tang 5½% 78-82	79	..	7.387	12.672
98	60	Uruguay 3½%	94	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
27	20	L C C 3% 1920	25	..	12.200	..
84	64	L C C 5% 80-83	81	+⅛	6.097	9.577
93	72	L C C 5½% 77-81	90	..	6.128	8.944
85	62	L C C 5½% 82-84	80	+⅛	6.854	9.906
79	55	L C C 5½% 85-87	73	+⅛	7.686	10.300
96	81	L C C 6% 76-79	96	+⅛	6.233	8.784
79	62	G L C 6½% 59-90	73	+⅛	9.345	10.993
75	53	G L C 6½% 90-92	67	+⅛	9.332	11.262
100	82	G L C 9½% 80-82	97	+⅛	9.721	10.174
107	93	G L C 12½% 1982	105	+⅛	11.845	10.833
111	91	G L C 12½% 1983	106	+⅛	11.886	11.217
100	89	C of L 6½% 75-78	99	+⅛	6.515	7.138
94	70	C of L 6½% 80-82	87	+⅛	7.408	10.112
92	69	Ag Mt 7½% 81-84	84	+⅛	9.160	11.139
77	55	Ag Mt 7% 91-93	71	+⅛	10.796	11.342
73	52	Ag Mt 6½% 85-90	67	+⅛	9.591	11.539
91	73	Belfast 6½% 77-80	91	+⅛	7.103	10.212
93	84	Brighton 6½% 76-79	97	+⅛	6.686	8.949
99	85	Camden 6½% 77-79	99	+⅛	6.615	8.320
91	72	Croydon 6½% 78-81	88	+⅛	7.405	10.486
99	87	Edin 6½% 77-79	99	..	6.598	8.782
93	80	Glasgow 9½% 80-82	98	..	9.619	10.254
100	87	Gwich 6½% 76-78	99	+⅛	6.560	6.916
110	94	Lverpl 13½% 1981	108	+⅛	12.487	10.544
33	22	Met Water B 3% 34-03	32	+⅛	9.069	10.642
89	72	N I 6½% 79-80	89	..	7.302	13.495
85	60	N I 7% 82-84	80	..	8.763	11.661
97	63	N I Elec 6½% 81-83	81	+⅛	7.949	11.397
100	89	Notts 6½% 76-78	99	+⅛	6.758	7.090
99	84	Sthend 5½% 77-79	95	..	5.383	8.120
85	60	Swark 6½% 82-86	82	+⅛	8.422	10.230
94	77	Surrey 6½% 78-80	93	+⅛	6.400	9.433

FOREIGN STOCKS

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
		Investment Dollar Premium 85¼-86½%					
		Premium Conversion Factor 0.7169.					
512	405	Bayer	445	+4	197	4.1	21.3
164	115	Commerzbank	156	..	44.2	2.8	18.2
24	17	Cp Fn Paris	123	..	197	8.1	7.5
52	43	EMI	52	..	281	5.4	..
23	14	Ericsson	121	+⅛	69.2	3.3	24.2
23	6	Finsider	7	-⅛	..	..	..
14	4	Grances	17	+⅛	..	..	..
540	355	Hoechst	477	-4	147	4.4	15.4
4	3	Montecatini E	14	..	..	..	..
670	470	Robeco	540	+7	29.9	5.0	39.3
441	325	Rolinco Subs	372	-4	..	..	48.0
200	90	Snia Viscosa	51	..	..	..	..
305	710	Thyssen-Huette	257	+2	..	..	15.5
76	42	Volkswagen	207	+1	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
10	8	Brascan	19	+⅛	57.4g	5.9	4.3
12	6	BP Canada	19	..	..	..	..
15	9	Can Pac Ord	£10	+⅛	47.0	4.4	8.2
16	9	El Paso	£10	..	41.7	4.0	19.7
45	27	Exxon Corp	£31	..	..	..	..
35	20	Fluor	£22	+⅛	63.7	2.8	9.7
25	26	Hollinger	£15	-⅛	..	..	..
33	24	Hud Bay Oil	£27	-⅛	29.9	1.1	50.8
24	11	Husky Oil	£12	+1	..	..	..
28	9	INCO	£9	+⅛	56.3	5.8	15.7
11	6	IU Int	17	+⅛	46.2	5.8	10.9
37	21	Kaiser Alum	£20	+⅛	82.1	4.0	..
18	9	Massey-Ferg	59	-⅛	56.1	9.0	11.1
17	11	Norton Simon	£12	+⅛	43.7	3.6	9.6
27	20	Pacific Petrol	£22	+⅛	..	..	..
24	17	Pan Canadian	£20	+⅛	..	..	..
200	130	Steep Rock	150	..	..	..	..
12	6	Trans Can P	5	..	..	..	..
22	17	Us Steel	£15	..	..	..	..
725	725	White Pass	725	..	15.9	2.2	21.0
12	7	Zapata Corp	£11	+⅛	15.7	1.4	33.4

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
305	185	Alexs Discount	228	-2	21.7	9.5	5.2
525	350	Allen H & Ross	480	-5	46.5	9.7	9.7
168	88	Allied Irish	156	+3	10.0b	6.4	5.4
195	108	Arb-Latham	153	..	14.2	9.4	10.4
269	153	ANZ Grp	206	s +3	14.4	7.0	4.2
22	13	Bank America	£13	+⅛	49.0	3.2	12.0
363	202	Bk of Ireland	323	+8	20.1b	6.2	6.1
27	14	Bk Leumi Israel	14	..	11.2	79.7	1.2
200	160	Bk Leumi UK	160	..	11.2	7.0	14.3
500	370	Bk of NSW	415	+5	18.6	4.5	8.9
315	223	Bk of Scotland	265	..	16.5	6.2	6.9
34	21	Bnks Trst NY	£24	+⅛	175	7.1	8.9
350	227	Barclays Bank	303	• ..	16.7	5.3	5.2
210	115	Brown Shipley	200	..	14.0	7.0	7.4
338	225	Cater Ryder	270	..	26.6	9.9	..
29	17	Chase Man	£20	+⅛	114	5.8	9.8
29	13	Citicorp	£14	+⅛	61.7	4.4	7.4
93	57	Clive Discount	72	..	7.2	10.0	8.2
230	170	Com Bk of Aust	195	..	9.4	4.8	9.1
170	115	Com Bk of Syd	132	• ..	7.6	5.7	..
17	12	CC De France	£15	-⅛	131	8.3	11.2
3	4	First Nat Fin	2	..	..	..	..
12	7	Fraser Ans	11	+⅛	..	..	..
210	130	Gerrard & Nat	160	-2	12.4	7.7	7.0
53	37	Gibbs A	38	..	3.0	7.8	14.2
277	161	Gillett Bros	211	• -2	23.0	10.8	5.2
126	55	Grindlays Hldgs	112	+1	4.6	4.1	6.0
230	150	Guinness Peat	197	+2	16.2	8.2	9.8
25	12	Hambros £10	£16	..	144	9.0	..
237	143	Do Ord	170	+2	14.4	8.5	4.9
116	74	Hill Samuel	96	+2	6.7	7.8	7.5
340	223	Hong K & Shang	263	-3	7.3	2.7	25.3
98	54	Jessel Toynbee	70	..	6.2	8.8	..
185	115	Joseph L.	160	..	12.0	7.5	7.9
61	21	Keyser Ullmann	40	+1	0.5	1.3	..
80	42	King & Shaxson	60	-2	5.1	8.5	5.5
134	76	Kleinwort Ben	94	..	5.9	6.2	7.8
295	195	Lloyds Bank	255	• ..	13.8	5.4	5.4
177	92	Mercury Secs	116	+5	5.1	4.4	8.7
390	250	Midland	347	..	22.4a	6.5	5.1
65	30	Minster Assets	58	..	5.3b	9.2	8.4
240	164	Nat of Aust	185	+5	8.7	4.7	7.4
91	58	Nat Com Bk Grp	70	-1	4.0	5.7	5.5
298	205	Nat Wminster	270	-3	17.4	6.4	5.6
40	29	Ottoman	£39	..	250	6.4	5.0
68	45	Rea Bros	60	..	2.5	4.2	12.0
21	14	Royal of Can	£17	-⅛	68.8	3.9	13.7
490	290	Schroders	345	..	15.1	4.5	12.0
290	185	Seccombe Mar	215	..	18.7	8.7	6.4
100	58	Smith St Aubyn	72	..	7.3	10.2	..
430	293	Standard Chart	400	+7	27.6	6.9	5.7
515	295	Union Discount	400	..	31.9	8.0	4.0
74	37	Wintrust	60	..	4.6	7.6	23.9

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
96	58	Allied	82	+1	6.0e	7.3	11.2
166	87	Bass Charrington	143	+1	7.3	5.1	9.6
46	26	Belhaven Grp	44	..	..	..	..
234	131	Bell A	214	+10	7.4	3.4	8.6
146	82	Boddingtons	146	..	5.9	4.1	10.5
112	64	Brown M.	100	..	5.9	5.9	11.7
177	89	Bulmer HP Hldg.	120	+1	4.9	3.5	5.2
140	75	Burtonwood	142	..	4.8	3.4	10.0
75	40	C of Ldn Dfd	55	..	3.6	6.6	21.7
162	100	Devenish	157	..	8.9	5.7	8.3
201	110	Distillers	166	..	8.9	5.9	10.5
110	56	Greenall	107	-1	4.0	3.7	10.5
240	152	Greene King	215	-2	10.9	5.1	12.0
189	132	Guinness	155	+1	10.6	6.7	7.4
243	96	Hardys & H'sons	160	..	10.6	6.6	10.7
154	86	Highland	131	+1	4.4	3.3	20.0
100	25	Invergordon	95	..	3.2	3.7	10.4
132	42	Irish Distillers	112	..	5.4	4.8	7.6
57	31	Marston	53	..	2.7	4.9	8.5
71	46	Scot & Newcastle	63	• +1	4.9	7.8	13.4
19	13	Seagram	£15	• +⅛	45.7	3.0	11.2
68	40	SA Breweries	60	..	6.3	10.6	4.2
107	43	Tomatin	96	..	4.1	4.3	29.2
102	57	Vaux	97	..	6.1	6.3	10.0
96	58	Whitbread 'A'	87	+⅛	5.6	6.7	9.8
99	60	Do B	85	+⅛	5.6	6.6	9.6
94	55	Whitbread Inv	74	..	5.7	7.7	20.4
200	114	Wolverhampton	186	..	8.7	4.7	11.0

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	102	..	8.3	8.2	7.3
142	58	AB Electronic	92	..	7.6	8.3	6.3
42	25	AC Cars	40	• -1	1.4	3.6	7.4
86	39	AGB Research	86	+1	5.2n	6.0	9.0
228	134	APV Hldgs	185	+5	8.1	4.4	7.4
73	43	Aaronson Bros	53	+1	3.0	5.6	4.2
116	62	Acrow	106	..	3.6	3.4	22.1
98	52	Do A	73	+4	3.6	5.0	8.3
41	11	Adda Int	33	..	0.8	2.3	..
282	150	Adwest Group	228	+2	18.2	6.6	6.3
68	34	Aeron't & Gen	58	..	3.5	6.0	10.3
62	42	Airfix Ind	47	+2	4.6	9.7	6.2
131	79	Albright & W	105	+4	7.0	6.7	6.8
96	69	Alcan 10½%	£89	..	1050	11.8	..
144	71	Do 9% Cnv	£144	..	900	6.3	..
300	205	Alginate Ind	260	..	19.7	7.0	10.4
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	58	+1	6.6	11.3	..
56	25	Allen W. G.	41	• +2	4.3	10.4	4.8
100	44	Allied Colloids	67	..	2.4	3.6	11.8
67	43	Allied Insulators	62	• +2	6.3	10.1	4.7
17	7	Allied Plant	14	..	1.1	7.4	8.7
201	75	Allied Retailers	181	• +4	13.2	6.9	9.2
46	19	Alpine Hldgs	42	+⅛	2.5	5.8	25.4
234	210	Amal Metal	294	..	21.5	7.3	5.7
138	57	Amal Power	114	+4	8.0	7.0	6.4
41	21	Amber Day	32	..	3.0	9.3	4.7
18	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	18	..	0.8n	4.2	2.7
96	41	Anchor Chem	60	..	6.0	10.0	6.7
57	34	Anderson Strath	48	+1	3.8	8.0	6.5
90	48	Anglia TV 'A'	73	• ..	6.3	8.7	5.5
540	390	Anglo Amer Ind	460	..	42.9	9.3	4.3
42	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	34	..	..e	..	..
96	49	Appleyard	78	+2	9.8n	12.1	6.2
39	18	Aquascutum 'A'	33	..	2.1	6.4	7.4
123	68	Arlington Mtr	110	+1	11.7	10.7	8.3
76	38	Armitage Shanks	60	• ..	6.5	10.8	8.7
73	39	Armst Equip	56	+1	3.1	5.5	9.6
53	44	Aspery 8½% Pf	50	..	6.0	12.0	..
94	55	Ass Biscuit	72	..	4.8	6.7	7.0
193	85	Ass Book	180	..	6.1	3.4	7.9
76	48	Ass Brit Food	55	..	3.3	5.9	5.6
142	82	Ass Engineer	115	+1	7.1	6.2	6.0
71	36	Ass Fisheries	47	-1	4.6	9.7	4.5
62	26	Ass Leisure	47	+1½	4.3	8.9	8.9
196	121	Ass News	136	+3	8.1	6.0	7.7
57	30	Ass Paper	47	..	4.4	9.4	5.0
294	153	Ass Port Cement	232	+4	13.1	5.7	7.6
119	69	Ass Tel 'A'	99	+1	9.9	10.0	6.9
35	23	Ass Tooling	26	..	3.5n	13.3	8.6
42	23	Astbury & Mdley	39	..	1.7	4.2	6.1
58	27	Atkins Bros	55	..	5.6	10.1	8.6
43	27	Audiotronic	33	..	..e	..	8.2
37	22	Ault & Wiborg	30	..	2.9	9.3	6.5
99	56	Aurora Hldgs	82	..	7.9	9.6	3.9
70	30	Austin E.	66	+1	5.5	8.1	4.9
113	51	Automotive Pd	90	+1	2.8	3.1	7.3
34	14	Avana Grp	32	..	1.6	4.8	8.0
174	113	Averys	143	-1	8.3	5.8	8.6
205	74	Avon Rubber	183	+6	14.1	7.7	2.7
307	233	B.A.T. Ind	286	+3	21.1	7.3	5.2
260	203	Do Dfd	248	..	..	..	..
68	39	BBA Grp	46	..	3.4	7.4	6.7
114	71	BET Dfd	98	+1	8.1	8.2	7.4
136	87	BICC	103	+1	10.0	9.7	12.2
82	61	BOC Int	67	+⅛	4.8	7.0	4.9
278	111	BPB Ind	207	+4	11.0	5.3	6.4
59	26	BPM Hldgs 'A'	46	..	4.3	9.4	6.2
42	17	BSG Int	36	+⅛	3.2	8.8	6.0
151	96	BSR Ltd	93	+2	7.2	7.9	6.1
292	142	BTR Ltd	213	+3	13.8	6.5	7.4
144	70	Babcock & W	111	+3	8.0	7.2	4.8
36	21	Baggeridge Brk	32	..	3.5	11.1	9.8
9	3	Bailey C.H. Ord	6	-⅛	0.3	4.7	51.9
169	93	Baird W.	145	..	14.1	9.7	5.5
112	65	Baker Perkins	89	+1	6.3	7.0	5.3
53	29	Bambergers	44	..	4.5	10.3	5.0
15	7	Barker & Dobson	13	-⅛	..e	..	..
206	144	Barlow Rand	200	+2	16.5	8.2	4.1
74	39	Barr & Wallace	65	..	5.1	7.9	6.3
72	37	Do A	62	..	5.1	8.3	6.0
128	86	Barratt Devs	108	+6	12.2b	11.3	5.0
54	36	Barrow Hepbn	44	-1	5.6	12.7	5.9
53	40	Barton & Sons	49	+2	5.0	10.1	4.6
155	69	Bassett G.	123	-2	7.8	6.3	7.6
99	29	Bath & P'land	70	• +2	5.0	7.1	4.9
67	34	Beales J.	54	+2	4.0	7.5	4.0
193	66	Beatson Clark	153	..	7.6	5.0	8.1
51	29	Beaufort Grp	49	..	4.6	9.4	8.3
73	48	Beckman A.	64	..	6.8	10.6	7.1
690	372	Beecham Grp	560	-3	28.0	4.7	12.3
83	39	Bejam Grp	62	..	2.2	3.5	7.7
85	54	Bemrose Corp	68	+1	5.8	8.5	6.5
70	29	Benn Bros	55	• ..	3.4	6.1	8.9
227	149	Berisf'd S & W	195	+1	12.5	6.4	3.5
63	31	Berisfords	60	• ..	3.7	5.9	9.2
64	36	Best & May	51	..	4.3	8.4	8.9
166	132	Bestobell	144	+1	14.3	9.9	7.4
69	38	Bett Bros	66	..	2.6	3.9	7.2
229	102	Bibby J.	197	+3	10.1	5.1	6.3
74	54	Birmid Qualcast	60	+⅛	6.8	11.3	8.7
77	50	Birm'gham Mint	58	..	6.6	11.4	6.3
230	148	Bishops Stores	168	..	3.7	2.2	9.5
205	57	Do A NV	125	..	3.7	3.0	7.0
123	68	Black & Edg'tn	98	+2	6.4	6.6	12.9
93	49	Blackwd Hodge	73	+1	4.4	6.0	6.5
30	15	Blackwood Mt	22	+⅛	..	..	12.6
245	122	Blagden & N	214	+1	18.2	8.5	7.3
72	39	Blundell Perm	63	+1	4.4	7.0	6.1
13	7	Boardman K. O.	12	..	1.5	11.8	3.3
73	33	Bodycote	62	..	3.4	5.5	10.0
26	17	Bonser Eng	21	..	2.0	9.7	11.6
240	128	Booker McCon	200	-1	10.7	5.4	9.1
212	84	B'sey & Hwkes	201	-2	7.3	3.6	8.3
157	87	Boot H.	132	..	12.5	9.4	5.9
242	115	Boots	196	+5	4.3	2.2	15.0
97	68	Borthwick T.	69	+1	9.4	13.6	9.5
20	14	Boulton W.	19	..	2.1	10.9	6.1
218	160	Bowater Corp	176	+2	14.7	8.4	8.3
66	34	Bowthorpe Hldgs	51	..	2.3	4.6	6.2
89	62	Braby Leslie	80	..	8.0	9.9	4.6
76	60	Brady Ind	68	..	8.6	12.6	12.9
75	57	Do A	62	..	8.6	13.8	11.8
40	23	Braham Millar	30	..	2.3	7.6	4.1
45	17	Braid Grp	39	+1	2.1	5.7	5.4
179	67	Braithwaite	132	..	6.1	4.6	3.6
126	44	Brammer H.	215	..	6.4	5.5	10.7
53	38	Bremner	49	..	5.8	11.8	8.8
206	90	Brent Chem Int	184	..	3.7	2.0	16.2
52	25	Brent Walker	48	..	1.7n	3.8	21.6
36	22	Brickhouse Dud	32	..	3.3	10.4	6.3
173	105	Bridon	111	..	9.6	8.6	6.0
41	27	Bright J. Grp	35	..	3.7	10.5	6.3
44	28	Brit Car Auctn	43	..	3.0	7.0	10.6
17	11	Brit Enkalon	12	..	..	..	..
246	137	Brit Home Strs	183	+4	8.9	4.9	15.4
28	20	Brit Leyland	23	..	..	..	1.8
120	80	Brit Northrop	86	..	..	..	3.1
49	31	Brit Printing	42	+1	4.8	11.5	6.8
90	50	Brit Sim Spec	76	..	7.2	9.4	8.8
490	278	Brit Sugar	415	..	28.8	6.9	2.5
70	30	Brit Syphon Ind	57	..	4.6	8.0	7.7
60	29	Brit Tar Prod	46	..	2.1	4.5	8.1
90	44	Brit Vita	80	..	3.2	4.0	2.9
30	13	Brittains	28	..	2.1	7.6	22.8
64	44	Brockhouse Ltd	55	+⅛	5.5	9.9	8.3
86	41	Brocks Grp	70	• +3	5.1	7.3	12.3
715	385	Broken Hill	440	+5	19.3	4.4	44.0
40	30	Bronx Eng	33	-1	2.4	7.2	5.1
71	35	Brook St Bur	55	..	6.4	11.6	14.2
56	38	Brooke Bond	44	+⅛	4.2	9.5	3.6
27	11	Brooks Tool	21	..	1.5	7.2	3.8
124	49	Brotherhood P.	124	+2	5.8b	7.1	4.4
100	74	Brown & Tawse	85	• +1	6.8	8.0	5.5
55	19	BBK	41	..	2.7	6.5	9.8
24	12	Brown Bros Cp	23	..	1.6	7.0	13.3
296	98	Brown J.	274	+3	13.2n	4.8	4.5
124	85	Bruntons	106	..	10.6	10.0	7.5
53	17	Bryant Hldgs	51	..	3.4	6.7	10.7
136	66	Bullough Ltd	120	..	8.5n	7.1	4.1
48	28	Bulmer & Lumb	42	..	4.8	11.3	8.3
120	87	Bunzl Pulp	101	..	7.4	7.3	4.0
65	38	Burco Dean	62	..	5.6	9.1	6.3
38	22	Burgess Prod	30	..	3.5	11.8	4.6
184	64	Burnett H'shire	158	..	4.1	2.6	7.5
184	63	Do A NV	155	..	4.1	2.7	7.4
39	16	Burns And'son	35	..	2.2	6.3	5.1
17	9	Burrell & Co	12	..	1.4	11.2	6.5
186	130	Burt Boulton	185	..	15.2	8.2	5.3
142	81	Burton Grp	109	+2	2.3	2.1	..
130	39	Do A	103	+3	2.3	2.2	..
95	43	Bury & Masco	95	h +1	7.1n	7.5	10.7
69	30	Butterfld-Harvy	61	..	3.4n	5.5	8.3

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
33	13	CH Industrials	30	..	3.0	9.9	5.2
59	33	Cadbury Sch	49	+1	4.1	8.3	9.7
110	70	Caffyns	86	+2	8.7	10.1	7.0
55	48	C'bread Robey	52	..	2.3	4.4	14.5
133	30	Campari	105	+1	3.0	2.9	5.4
121	64	Do B	95	-1	..	..	..
82	45	Camrex Hldgs	66	..	6.0	9.1	5.5
67	36	Canning W.	58	+1	5.3	9.2	5.3
136	97	Cape Ind	108	..	11.5	10.7	3.6
79	37	Caplan Profile	75	..	7.3	9.7	4.8
90	33	Capper Neill	59	+⅛	2.2	3.5	6.8
95	33	Caravans Int	79	+1½	7.0	8.9	3.0
68	35	Carclo Eng	64	+1	4.5	7.1	5.9
51	32	Carless Capel	33	+1	1.3	4.0	8.5
175	80	Carlton Ind	146	..	8.3	5.7	6.8
76	40	Carpets Int	40	..	6.1	15.1	4.3
48	16	Carr J. (Don)	42	+1	1.4	3.3	6.5
41	25	Carr'ton Vly	37	• +⅛	3.2	8.6	4.2
110	63	Carroll P. J.	98	..	9.2	9.4	7.3
45	28	Casket S Hldgs	40	..	3.0	7.4	4.8
25	7	Causton Sir J.	16	..	..	..	4.8
145	88	Cawoods	108	+2	5.3	4.9	7.9
36	12	Celestion	30	..	0.9	3.0	8.7
129	54	Cement Rdstone	115	..	6.9	6.0	14.5
54	25	Cen & Sheer	42	+⅛	3.4	8.0	7.5
72	42	Central Man	63	..	4.0	6.4	3.3
206	68	Centreway Ltd	197	..	17.5	8.9	5.6
42	34	Ch'mbn & Hill	35	-1	3.8	11.0	2.7
59	27	Chamberl'n Grp	45	..	4.2	9.3	6.4
33	8	Change Wares	18	..	..n	..	24.4
23	17	Do Cnv Cum	18	..	2.4	13.1	..
129	91	Chloride Grp	97	+2	7.3	7.5	8.0
78	37	Christies Int	75	+2	4.5	6.0	7.8
51	37	Christy Bros	41	..	3.5	8.5	5.6
138	93	Chubb & Sons	115	+3	5.5	4.8	8.5
198	57	Church & Co	170	..	4.7	2.8	6.4
78	45	Coalite & Chem	65	..	4.2	6.5	5.4
79	50	Coates Bros	69	..	3.3	4.8	6.9
77	45	Do A	67	..	3.3	4.8	7.7
83	57	Coats Patons	69	..	4.7	6.8	5.2
130	45	Cole R. H.	110	..	5.3	4.8	8.2
62	33	Collett D'son	54	..	4.7	8.7	5.9
126	99	Collins W.	125	..	7.0	5.6	6.0
134	99	Do A	124	..	7.0	5.7	6.0
38	14	Comben Grp	27	..	2.4b	9.0	6.7
101	50	Comb Eng Strs	74	..	4.6	6.3	8.0
113	81	Comet Radiov'n	104	..	3.9	3.8	9.5
114	64	CompAir	93	+1	5.5	5.9	7.4
30	20	Compton Webb	27	..	2.6	9.5	4.5
29	16	Cook W.	24	..	2.6	10.8	5.3
65	37	Cope Allman	55	+1	4.8	8.6	5.6
17	9	Copson F.	16	..	2.1	7.1	8.1
39	16	Corah	36	..	1.7	4.7	7.8
141	96	Coral Leisure	110	..	9.1	8.3	6.1
83	34	Cosalt	66	..	4.7	7.1	5.9
373	134	Costain R.	247	+3	15.2b	6.1	8.7
41	8	Countryside	36	..	1.8	5.0	12.5
107	73	Courts (Furn)	90	..	5.0	5.6	6.1
107	73	Do A NV	90	..	5.0	5.6	6.1
135	90	Courtaulds	112	+1	10.7	9.5	5.8
72	50	Courtney Pope	58	..	3.3	5.7	8.3
78	30	C'wan de Groot	59	-1	3.5	5.9	3.6
44	23	Cowie T.	36	-1	2.6	7.2	3.3
44	15	Crellon Hldgs	22	..	..e	..	..
76	26	Crest Nicholson	67	• ..	5.0	7.5	7.9
72	44	Croda Int	53	+⅛	3.2	6.1	8.0
43	26	Cronite Grp	31	..	3.7	12.0	10.4
39	23	Cropper J.	39	..	1.3	3.3	..
140	94	Crosby Hse	130	..	..e	..	..
39	16	Crossland R.	37	h ..	2.1	5.5	11.9
70	45	Crossley Bldg	63	..	6.3	9.9	10.1
98	48	Crouch D.	81	..	5.5	6.8	10.6
73	25	Crouch Grp	67	..	4.2	6.2	11.8
53	32	Crown House	47	..	4.7	10.0	9.3
45	26	Crowther J.	33	..	0.9	2.8	..
147	83	Cum'ns En Cv	£86	..	375	4.4	..
160	63	Dale Electric	129	..	4.1	3.2	12.9
16	14	Dana Corp	£14	-⅛	63.8	4.6	..
19	8	Dartmouth Inv	16	..	1.2	6.8	11.3
129	70	Davies & New	114	..	11.1	9.7	6.5
87	29	Davis G.	78	-1	5.0	6.4	4.3
298	180	Davy Int	220	+2	15.5	7.0	7.3
125	45	Dawson J.	122	h +2	8.1	6.6	15.9
520	350	De Beers Ind	480	..	44.6	9.3	9.5
36	21	Deanson Hldgs	26	..	3.2	12.2	7.8
118	64	Debenhams	97	+3	8.0	8.3	6.6
319	128	De La Rue	245	+5	15.0	6.1	7.3
380	233	Decca	385	..	16.6	4.3	11.3
555	223	Do A	385	..	16.6	4.3	11.0
81	49	Delta Metal	69	+1½	6.8	9.8	9.6
100	66	Denbyware	76	-1	8.2	10.8	..
178	82	De Vere Hotels	147	..	6.7	4.6	27.4
166	67	Dew G.	166	h ..	8.5	5.1	9.0
62	27	Dewhirst I. J.	59	-1	2.6	4.5	10.2
143	89	DRG	120	+2	9.9n	8.2	8.7
178	57	Diploma Inv	130	+1	5.8	4.4	7.9
64	28	Dixon D	60	..	3.8	6.3	26.7
178	63	Dixons Photo	136	+2	3.4	2.5	6.7
48	29	Dixor	42	+1	0.9	2.2	51.9
79	37	Dobson Park	72	..	3.2	4.5	5.7
88	41	Dom Hldgs	65	..	6.6	10.2	11.6
105	43	Douglas R. M.	85	..	4.8	5.7	5.9
24	17	Dow'd & Mills	23	..	1.6	7.1	10.6
250	105	Downing G. H.	214	+8	15.7	7.3	4.6
176	93	Dowty Grp	161	..	6.7	4.1	10.3
28	12	Drake & Scull	22	..	..	..	3.4
50	28	Dreamland Elec	38	..	3.5	9.3	11.9
47	33	Dufay	37	+3	2.3b	6.2	8.4
123	73	Dunlop Hldgs	79	..	8.0	10.2	4.7
14	5	Duple Int	12	-⅛	0.9	7.2	6.2
87	57	Duport	68	+1	6.4	9.9	4.6
134	41	Durapipe Int	97	+1	5.7	5.9	6.0
50	36	Dutton For	38	..	4.3	10.5	6.7
37	21	Dykes J. Hldgs	27	..	..e	..	8.5
253	142	E.M.I.	146	..	14.0	9.6	8.5
126	22	ERF Hldgs	107	..	3.7	3.4	4.9
47	35	E Lancs Paper	46	..	4.8	10.4	..
79	46	E Mid A Press	74	..	5.5	7.4	5.5
93	22	Eastern Prod	83	..	6.6	7.9	6.4
106	56	Eastwood J. B.	86	+2	5.8	6.8	2.4
154	105	Edbro	141	..	8.9	6.3	5.8
45	19	Elcco Hldgs	41	+1	2.6	6.4	11.2
48	32	Elec & Ind Secs	38	+1	4.1	10.7	7.0
360	89	Electrocomps	320	+3	7.5	2.3	14.7
24	15	Electronic Mach	23	..	..	..	..
124	48	Electr'nic Rent	108	..	7.6	7.0	7.8
119	55	Elliott B.	90	..	7.9	8.8	5.0
44	14	Elliott Grp	21	..	..e	..	6.6
97	68	Ellis & Everard	72	..	7.6	10.5	13.3
19	14	Ellis & Gold	19	..	2.7	14.0	11.0
79	37	Elson & Robbins	71	..	4.7	6.7	5.6
23	9	Elswick Hopper	18	+⅛	1.4	7.4	7.7
202	82	Empire Stores	143	+2	7.3	5.1	12.3
14	4	Energy Serv	10	-⅛	0.3b	2.8	13.6
38	22	England J. E.	35	..	2.0	5.7	3.0
34	25	English & O'seas	25	..	0.9	3.5	16.7
108	50	English Card Cl	76	..	4.2	5.5	4.2
109	69	Eng China Clay	77	s +1½	5.4	6.9	8.6
80	51	Erith & Co	78	..	7.4	9.3	8.1
220	123	Esperanza	123	-1	8.0	6.5	4.5
78	42	Eucalyptus Pulp	63	..	7.6b	12.0	2.1
115	54	Euro Ferries	105	+1	4.2	4.0	8.4
107	52	Eva Industries	88	+1	7.3	8.3	6.2
211	121	Ever Ready	148	+2	6.1	4.1	7.6
85	42	Evode Hldgs	70	..	3.5	4.9	5.7
27	14	Ewer G.	25	..	2.0n	7.9	9.8
19	7	Excalibur	15	s ..	0.8	5.0	6.1
105	65	Exch Telegraph	96	..	7.7n	8.0	8.3
77	55	Expand Metal	55	..	5.6	10.1	6.1

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
115	52	FMC	68	..	3.9	5.7	8.4
26	7	FPA Cons	20	..	1.7	8.5	8.9
63	25	Fairbairn L'son	55	+1	5.5	10.1	8.5
78	37	Fairclough Cons	64	+1	3.6	5.6	8.4
109	29	Fairview Est	91	+2	8.6	9.4	5.5
125	109	Farmer S.W.	118	..	7.7	6.5	..
240	81	Farnell Elect	190	..	9.9	5.2	10.4
80	44	Fed Chem Hldgs	76	h ..	5.0	6.6	8.2
42	13	Fed Lnd & Build	42	+1	3.1	7.4	12.3
36	23	Feedex Ltd	31	..	2.0	6.4	7.9
150	111	Fenner J. H.	130	..	10.2	7.8	8.9
106	45	Ferguson Ind	86	..	9.1	10.3	9.2
48	19	Fine Art Dev	41	+⅛	2.8	6.8	9.8
319	150	Finlay J.	253	..	9.9	3.9	4.7
21	8	Finlay Pack	19	..	0.9	4.5	7.1
409	283	Fisons	347	..	19.3	5.6	7.1
73	45	Fitch Lovell	63	..	6.1	9.7	7.9
83	43	Fluidrive Eng	58	+⅛	5.0	8.6	8.2
68	20	Fodens	55	..	3.8	6.9	3.6
128	48	Fogarty E.	120	..	4.8	4.0	6.2
25	15	Folkes Hefo NV	20	..	2.1	10.2	4.8
34	20	Ford M.	31	+2	3.7	11.8	13.0
259	130	Ford Mtr BDR	155	+5	8.3	5.3	16.4
137	49	Forminster	123	+3	6.0	4.9	5.9
610	410	Fortnm & Mason	610	..	31.5	5.2	11.2
212	130	Foseco Min	133	+2	6.5	4.9	7.9
91	39	Foster Bros	83	..	4.3	5.2	10.6
33	18	Foster J.	27	..	2.5	9.3	9.5
94	69	Fothergill & H	88	+2	9.4	10.7	10.0
46	28	Francis G. R.	42	..	5.4	12.8	7.6
70	28	Francis Ind	57	..	5.1	9.0	4.7
318	127	Freemans Ldn	260	+6	8.5	3.3	12.4
70	40	French T.	63	..	3.9	6.1	4.8
35	14	French Kier	30	+1	2.3b	7.6	12.3
96	53	Friedland Doggt	90	..	4.4	4.9	7.1
83	48	GEI Int	66	..	5.9	8.9	5.3
67	32	Galliford Brindley	55	..	4.6	8.4	5.9
18	7	Garford Lilley	16	..	1.1	6.8	6.3
104	67	Garnar Scotblair	97	..	6.8	7.0	4.6
282	163	GEC	250	+5	5.8	2.3	10.3
104	96	Do F Rate	£100	..	869	..	..
27	13	Gen Eng (Rad)	20	..	1.5	7.7	5.3
330	185	Gen Mtr BDR	205	..	11.0g	5.4	19.9
190	124	Gestetner 'A'	168	..	6.0	3.6	5.9
69	32	Gibbons Dudley	55	+⅛	3.5	6.4	5.6
97	35	Gieves Grp	93	+1	6.8	7.3	8.9
240	161	Gill & Duffus	195	+1	13.2	6.8	6.6
58	23	Giltspur Ltd	49	+⅛	4.1	8.3	5.0
70	36	Glass & Metal	61	• ..	4.2	6.9	4.3
26	13	Glass Glover	23	..	1.9	8.1	6.2
667	400	Glaxo Hldgs	522	+2	15.5	3.0	10.5
54	19	Gleeson M. J.	41	..	2.8	6.8	6.3
57	34	Glossop & W.J.	50	+1	5.5	11.0	8.4
120	76	Glynwed	99	+3	11.4b	11.5	8.4
70	39	Goldbg & Sons	66	+2	5.7	8.6	13.1
87	41	Gomme Hldgs	78	..	4.6	5.9	10.3
95	60	Gordon & Gotch	88	..	4.0	4.6	8.4
23	11	Gordon L. Grp	20	..	..	..	..
61	47	Grampian Hldgs	52	..	6.0	11.5	7.5
99	42	Granada 'A'	92	+2	3.0	3.2	10.0
109	69	Grand Met Ltd	93	• +1	6.4	6.9	7.7
348	183	Gt Univ Stores	280	+6	11.8	4.2	13.0
346	173	Do A	270	+6	11.8	4.4	12.5
47	17	Greenfield Mill	44	+1	1.9	4.3	4.5
93	65	Greens Econ	73	..	6.4	8.8	5.7
55	35	Gripperrods	44	• -1	3.6	8.1	4.9
398	260	GKN	272	+5	23.6	8.7	7.6
109	71	Haden Carrier	91	+2	12.0	13.2	5.7
110	85	Haggas J.	96	• +1	1.0	1.1	7.4
98	62	Hall Eng	83	..	6.4	7.7	5.6
207	99	Hall M.	167	..	10.0n	6.0	6.7
64	14	Halma Ltd	54	+⅛	2.1	3.9	9.0
99	68	Hanimex Corp	95	+3	4.1	4.3	8.3
141	100	Hanson Trust	127	..	9.5	7.5	6.2
51	28	Hardy Furn	27	..	..e	..	..
43	23	Do A	26	+1	..e	..	..
61	38	Hargreaves Grp	52	..	4.6	8.8	8.5
53	34	Harris Sheldon	43	+⅛	4.3	9.9	7.3
111	45	Harrison T.C.	93	+1	5.8	6.2	8.8
438	276	Harrison Cros	350	..	19.3b	5.5	8.5
92	41	Hartwells Grp	79	..	6.7	8.4	6.8
214	113	Hawker Sidd	174	+2	5.9	3.4	6.9
76	43	Hawkins & T'son	69	+1	6.1	8.8	4.6
78	24	Hawthorn L.	64	..	..	..	..
189	57	Hays Wharf	126	+4	7.5	6.0	13.0
35	12	Headlam Sims	30	..	1.9	6.3	6.2
19	8	Helene of Ldn	15	..	0.9	6.1	4.3
31	20	Helical Bar	23	+2	..e	..	13.7
87	39	Hend'son Kent	61	+1	3.3	5.2	3.8
144	79	Henly's	116	..	10.0n	8.6	4.5
100	39	Hepworth Cer	76	+2	5.0	6.6	8.8
65	29	Hepworth J.	54	..	3.5	6.4	8.7
11	6	Herman Smith	9	..	0.4	4.0	39.6
143	76	Hestair	107	+2	9.1	8.5	3.8
60	17	Hewden-Stuart	53	+1	1.9	3.6	9.9
22	11	Hewitt J.	21	..	1.4	6.8	4.1
89	63	Hicking P'cost	81	• ..	9.8	12.1	9.3
203	98	Hickson Welch	158	s ..	5.2	3.3	4.2
97	36	Higgs & Hill	74	+1	5.0	6.8	3.8
44	24	Hill & Smith	44	..	3.3	7.5	2.5
150	76	Hill C. Bristol	111	..	9.9	8.0	..
300	71	Hillards	182	..	6.7	3.7	5.2
82	66	Hoffnung S.	66	-1	6.4	9.7	4.8
84	35	Hollis Grp	55	+3	6.4	11.6	5.1
73	34	Hollis Bros	59	..	6.7	11.4	5.4
145	70	Holt Lloyd	122	+1	8.5	6.9	12.1
123	60	Home Charm	104	-1	5.2	5.0	10.8
410	195	Hoover	319	• ..	22.5	7.0	12.7
412	195	Do A	325	• ..	22.5	6.9	13.0
105	55	Hopkinsons	73	..	7.1	9.8	4.0
93	26	Horizon Mid	80	..	4.5	5.5	8.5
157	71	Hse of Fraser	129	+5	6.7	5.2	12.9
79	28	Hoveringham	70	..	2.9	4.1	14.1
64	21	Do RV	58	..	2.9	5.0	11.7
23	11	Howard & Wynd	21	..	..	..	11.9
22	10	Do A	19	..	..	..	11.1
52	27	Howard Mach	27	-1	3.4	12.5	18.9
31	17	Howard Tenens	26	+⅛	2.4	9.8	..
71	39	Howden Grp	57	..	5.6	9.9	15.8
13	9	Hudsons Bay	£11	+⅛	34.7	3.1	11.4
30	16	Hunt Moscrop	25	..	1.1	4.2	7.4
220	76	Hunting Assoc	187	+2	4.5	2.4	9.4
132	63	Huntleigh Grp	87	..	3.4	3.9	7.0
65	47	Hutch Whamp	56	..	..	..	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
264	150	ICL	217	+3	11.3	5.2	4.0
117	75	IDC Grp	113	..	13.6	12.0	14.9
163	74	Ibstock Johns'n	127	+2	8.8	6.9	6.3
445	327	Imp Chem Ind	328	• ..	25.0	7.4	6.2
120	73	Imp Cold Store	92	..	7.8	8.4	3.8
85	65	Imperial Grp	74	+⅛	8.6	11.6	5.6
69	46	Imp Metal Ind	59	+2	5.0	8.4	7.2
24	17	Ingall Ind	22	..	2.5	11.7	9.1
39	27	Ingram H.	31	..	4.3	13.7	7.3
74	46	Initial Services	64	..	6.6	10.2	10.9
72	41	Int Paint	65	..	3.6	5.5	6.7
135	70	Int Timber	111	+1	9.9	8.9	5.1
82	47	Inveresk Grp	67	..	7.2	10.8	11.3
9	6	Itoh BDR	10	..	8.6	1.3	..
60	27	JB Hldgs	51	-1	1.6	3.2	4.6
25	12	Jacks W.	22	..	1.0	4.5	..
57	37	Jacksons B'End	57	..	..e	..	..
17	5	James M. Ind	17	+⅛	0.9	6.5	..
358	140	Jardine M'son	190	-2	6.5	3.4	..
197	96	Jarvis J.	166	..	13.1	7.9	5.4
42	16	Jessups Hldgs	36	+1	2.4	6.5	8.3
66	43	Johnson & F B	55	..	7.1	12.0	4.3
92	27	Johnson Grp	78	..	5.9	7.6	8.2
492	307	Johnson Matt	390	+5	20.2	5.2	8.3
89	38	Johnson-Richd	80	s +2	2.7	3.4	9.4
97	42	Jones Stroud	84	• ..	6.3n	7.5	6.4
44	21	Jourdan T.	31	-2	4.0	12.8	4.8
60	27	K Shoes	39	..	3.4	8.2	4.5
138	38	Kelsey Ind	93	..	4.9	5.3	4.3
84	49	Kenning Mtr	69	..	6.3	9.6	4.9
44	21	Kent M. P.	37	+1	3.1	8.4	10.0
73	13	Kitchen Taylor	57	+2	1.5	2.7	..
105	52	Kode Int	81	+1	7.2	8.9	7.1
54	16	Kwik-Fit Hldgs	53	..	1.2	2.3	22.7
137	65	Kwik Save Disc	74	..	3.9	5.3	11.2
96	62	LCP Hldgs	77	..	7.3	9.4	6.6
46	29	LRC Int	38	..	4.4	11.5	6.6
125	80	LWT Hldgs 'A'	112	..	9.4	8.4	6.8
216	88	Ladbroke	173	+3	10.6n	6.1	7.4
60	30	Ladies Pride	46	• -1	3.3	7.2	4.4
171	70	Laing J.	128	+2	5.0	3.9	10.4
170	69	Do A	124	+2	5.0	4.1	10.0
97	44	Laird Grp Ltd	75	..	4.5	5.9	5.0
85	43	Lake & Elliot	51	+3	5.3	10.4	11.5
41	31	Lambert H'wth	36	..	4.4	12.1	5.0
78	28	Lane P. Grp	48	..	4.8	9.9	4.6
131	67	Laporte Ind	95	+2	10.3	10.8	5.3
135	84	Latham J.	110	-1	10.5	9.6	5.0
136	45	Laurence Scott	111	+1	7.6	6.8	6.5
106	53	Lawrence W.	96	..	9.9	10.1	7.3
66	24	Lawtex	59	..	4.4	7.4	3.9
177	128	Lead Industries	136	+1	11.2	8.2	5.3
62	35	Le-Bas E.	39	..	2.5	6.4	..
25	15	Lee A.	22	..	2.2	10.0	4.8
135	29	Leo Cooper	108	+3	2.5	2.3	4.8
189	32	Leigh Int	164	..	5.5	3.4	23.3
69	16	Leisure & Gen	69	h ..	2.0	2.9	16.3
115	60	Leisure C'van	104	..	6.7	6.5	11.9
45	27	Lennons Grp	29	..	2.3	8.0	9.4
283	113	Lep Grp	243	..	5.2	2.1	7.2
82	57	Lesney Ord	61	+1	4.1	6.8	4.6
120	70	Letraset	99	+1	4.6	4.6	8.9
83	39	Lex Services	68	+1	5.3	7.7	9.1
28	9	Liberty Ord	£20	..	48.5	2.4	9.4
88	33	Lilley F. J. C.	63	..	3.8	6.0	6.5
61	30	Lincroft Kilg	53	• ..	5.2	9.8	2.9
151	58	Lindustries	132	-1	13.6	10.3	7.6
197	100	Linfood Hldgs	148	..	13.6	9.2	6.2
39	10	Linread	30	..	3.0	10.1	..
42	22	Lister & Co	42	+1	0.2	0.4	..
79	64	Lloyd F. H.	72	+1½	7.5	10.5	5.4
16	9	Locker T.	14	..	1.3	8.6	6.5
15	8	Do A	14	..	1.3	8.6	6.5
118	58	Lockwoods Fds	115	..	5.6	4.9	6.8
81	44	Ldn & M'land	75	..	7.2b	9.6	6.6
43	23	Ldn & N'thern	24	+1	3.0b	12.6	4.5
85	39	Ldn Brick Co	64	+1	4.6	7.2	7.1
187	94	Ldn Prov Post	187	+4	13.6	7.3	8.7
73	31	Longton Trans	52	..	5.4	10.3	3.0
87	60	Lonrho	69	+1	9.9	14.4	4.1
85	39	Lonsdale Univ	71	+1	7.0	9.9	5.1
56	26	Lookers	52	+1	3.7	7.2	2.8
90	44	Lovell Hldgs	74	-1	5.9	8.0	3.5
175	120	Low & Bonar	163	-1	16.5b	10.1	5.7
337	204	Lucas Ind	249	+3	12.5	5.0	6.2
86	25	Lyon & Lyon	77	-1	9.1	11.8	8.3
128	47	Lyons J. Ord	81	..	11.5	12.7	7.1

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
126	37	MFI W'house	118	• +2	6.6	5.6	15.0
214	87	MK Electric	147	+4	8.8	6.0	8.2
95	48	ML Hldgs	95	..	6.4	6.8	8.2
65	37	MY Dart	63	+3	3.3	5.2	4.8
253	158	McCorquodale	230	+2	21.6	9.4	6.5
48	15	McInerney Prop	43	..	..	..	18.9
19	10	McCleery L'Amie	18	+⅛	..	..	..
49	28	Mackay H.	44	+1	4.9	11.2	14.1
94	60	McKechnie Bros	84	..	7.5	8.9	4.7
32	12	Mackinnon (Scot)	32	+3½	2.5	7.7	4.2
56	31	McNeill Grp	42	..	..	..	..
63	37	Macpherson D.	55	• ..	4.0	7.3	5.6
65	17	Madame Tussds	64	h -⅛	3.7n	5.8	13.6
55	29	Mallinson Denny	44	+⅛	4.2	9.5	5.2
78	50	Man Agcy Music	71	+1	8.5	12.0	5.4
30	15	Manch Garages	29	-⅛	2.3	9.7	6.5
247	177	Man Ship Canal	200	• ..	23.6	11.8	18.9
100	14	Mang Bronze	74	..	2.9	3.9	3.2
50	27	Manordale Grp	50	..	6.2	12.4	4.8
17	5	Maple Hldgs	14	..	..e	..	..
292	114	Marchwiel	230	• +5	5.3	2.3	4.7
170	95	Marks & Spencer	145	+5	6.4	4.4	17.6
99	46	Marley Ltd	73	+4	3.8	4.8	6.9
24	9	Marling Ind	17	..	1.5	9.0	8.6
58	31	Marshall Cav	53	+⅛	6.0	11.2	9.4
44	27	Marshall T Lox	38	f ..	3.5	9.3	4.9
42	26	Do A	35	f ..	3.5	10.1	4.5
162	95	Marshalls Univ	140	-2	9.5	6.8	4.7
97	47	Martin-Black	50	..	6.7	13.4	5.9
244	95	Martin-News	237	+3	10.2	4.3	5.6
160	91	Martonair	134	..	8.1	6.0	8.3
85	48	May & Hassell	61	..	4.4	7.1	4.1
125	60	Maynards	130	..	7.3	6.1	7.5
31	18	Mears Bros	24	..	2.7	11.3	..
24	10	Medminster	24	..	2.7	11.4	13.7
78	59	Melody Mills	71	..	4.4	6.2	5.9
54	30	Melville D & W	46	..	3.7	8.3	4.1
13	9	Mentmore Mfg	10	..	1.3	12.1	18.9
312	103	Menzies J.	310	..	7.1	2.3	18.7
362	246	Metal Box	298	+8	21.5	7.2	6.8
95	65	Metal Closures	83	..	6.0	7.3	8.0
41	13	Metalrax	38	..	1.7	4.5	5.6
55	28	Mettoy	37	+1	3.2	8.7	9.3
93	44	Meyer M. L.	74	..	6.8	9.4	3.3
44	19	Midland Ind	38	+2	1.5	3.9	5.6
86	35	Milbury	75	r -2	7.3	9.7	7.1
100	30	Mills A. J.	100	h ..	4.2	4.2	9.4
165	96	Mln Marsters	140	..	7.8	5.6	5.6
93	38	Mining Supplies	54	..	1.7e	3.1	7.7
49	36	Mitchell Cotts	49	+⅛	5.2	12.1	8.7
66	34	Mitchell Somers	51	..	2.4	4.7	5.2
66	43	Mixconcrete	54	..	4.5	8.4	8.0
40	22	Modern Eng	39	..	4.0	10.2	8.2
132	97	Molins	101	+1	9.9	9.8	..
85	23	Monk A.	81	..	5.4	6.6	8.5
50	33	M'santo 5% Ln	£46	..	500	10.9	..
59	40	Do 6¼ Ln	£55	..	625	11.4	..
120	98	Do 5% Cnv	£103	+4	500	4.9	..
60	35	Montfort Knit	51	..	4.9	9.6	7.9
85	25	More O'Ferrall	80	..	5.2	6.4	21.6
137	86	Morgan Cruc	106	..	7.7	7.2	9.8
46	24	Morgan Edwds	24	..	..e	..	43.6
52	36	Morris & Blakey	43	..	6.2	14.5	10.3
59	33	Do A	42	..	6.2	14.8	10.1
108	44	Moss Bros	95	..	6.1b	6.4	17.2
73	46	Moss Eng	69	..	6.3	9.1	7.4
210	101	Mothercare	160	+4	4.2	2.6	18.5
14	5	Movitex	14	+1	..	..	..
144	48	Mowlem J.	117	+4	9.9	8.4	7.9
260	127	Muirhead	159	+1	7.6	4.8	12.2
72	39	Myson Grp	57	+1	..e	..	..
117	45	NSS News	105	+2	3.2	3.1	9.5
81	27	Nathan B. & L.	48	..	4.6	9.5	10.4
67	38	Nat Carbon	48	• ..	..e	..	..
38	12	Needlers	32	..	..e	..	..
45	30	Neepsend	42	..	4.6	10.9	17.1
90	37	Negretti & Zam	77	+2	5.0	6.5	7.0
92	69	Neill J.	85	-1	9.7n	11.4	6.7
167	45	Newarthill	140	+2	6.8	4.8	10.1
75	33	Newman Ind	70	+2	7.6	10.8	2.8
72	33	Newman Tonks	68	..	5.5	9.5	7.4
180	88	Newmark L.	165	..	9.9n	6.0	5.3
94	51	Norcros	77	-⅛	6.2	8.0	6.0
44	11	Norfolk C Grp	37	• +1	0.9	2.5	15.4
46	26	Normand Elec	40	..	4.3	10.8	12.8
100	54	NSI	86	+1	8.5b	9.9	..
90	45	Nim Foods	76	s +2	3.7	4.9	9.0
205	44	Norton & Wright	178	..	6.0	3.3	17.2
38	9	Norton W. E.	32	+1	1.0	3.1	6.3
100	52	Norwest Holst	81	h ..	6.4	7.9	5.7
114	60	Notts Mfg	104	+1	4.5	4.4	6.1
122	45	Nurdin & Peacock	84	..	2.6	3.1	11.7
25	17	Nu-Swift Ind	24	..	2.2n	9.3	10.0

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
103	68	Ocean Wilsons	72	+2	5.4	7.5	7.5
99	35	Office & Elect	89	..	6.2	6.9	6.5
116	60	Ofrex Grp	100	..	5.0	5.0	11.7
31	23	Ogilvy & M	£29	..	21.5	0.7	12.4
85	40	Osborn S.	85	+3	5.4	6.4	5.2
84	43	Owen Owen	70	..	4.0	5.7	7.0
56	7	Oxley Printing	49	-1	2.8b	7.7	9.8
120	58	Parker Knoll 'A'	106	+2	5.0	4.8	4.1
115	60	Parker Timber	107	..	8.3	7.7	4.8
36	14	Paterson R.	31	..	3.5	11.2	9.0
230	126	Paterson Zoch	190	+5	10.6	5.6	3.5
225	117	Do A NV	185	+5	10.6	5.7	3.5
135	62	Pauls & Whites	116	-1	6.5	5.6	6.5
186	103	Pearson Long	174	..	8.2	4.7	8.1
207	123	Pearson & Son	170	..	9.4	5.5	8.0
37	24	Do 4½ Ln	£33	..	400	11.9	..
208	152	Pegler-Hatt	153	..	11.6	7.7	8.0
29	6	Pentland Ind	21	+⅛	1.0	4.5	7.2
80	42	Pentos	72	..	6.5	9.0	7.5
90	63	Perkin El 4%	£71	..	..	..	..
172	61	Perry H. Mtrs	147	+3	7.8	5.3	9.3
87	59	Petrocon Grp	84	..	6.7	10.5	7.4
64	51	Philips Fin 5½	£55	..	575	10.4	..
11	7	Philips Lamps	£8	+⅛	37.1	4.6	..
10	7	Phillips Pats	15	..	..	..	34.9
185	64	Phoenix Timber	146	..	6.5	4.4	2.0
295	130	Photo-Me Int	295	+10	6.0	2.0	8.9
89	67	P'dilly Theatre	89	..	1.6	1.8	53.5
16	11	Pickles W.	13	..	1.0	8.0	8.7
112	54	Pifco Hldgs	86	..	4.1	4.8	6.5
100	52	Do A	86	..	4.1	4.8	6.5
540	273	Pilkington Bros	435	+12	16.8	3.9	6.5
66	44	Pittard Grp	59	..	4.0	6.7	5.1
56	40	Plaxtons	66	+3	5.4	8.2	5.6
73	31	Plessurama	64	..	3.1	4.8	6.2
117	62	Plessey	92	+1	7.4	8.1	9.3
15	7	Do ADR	£12	+⅛	..	..	..
85	42	Plysu	77	..	2.0	2.5	9.8
45	23	Pontins	36	h ..	2.5	6.6	13.5
423	126	Pork Farms	409	..	19.8b	4.8	10.7
238	158	Portals Hldgs	220	..	11.0	5.4	11.6
127	51	Porter Chad	105	..	7.5	7.1	6.2
52	32	Portsmth News	50	+1	4.3	8.8	6.2
223	119	Powell Duffryn	158	+1	15.2	9.6	7.9
74	50	Pratt F. Eng	68	• ..	7.3	10.7	5.7
84	33	Preedy A.	82	..	4.3	5.3	10.6
32	12	Press W.	19	+⅛	1.3	6.5	4.5
185	107	Prestige Grp	157	+2	8.5	5.4	9.0
46	27	Prestwich Pkr	32	..	4.6	14.4	8.5
185	133	Pretoria P Cem	170	..	17.6n	10.4	3.4
542	104	Pride & Clarke	320	h ..	10.9	3.3	14.2
79	45	Priest B	71	..	6.0n	11.3	5.9
33	15	Pritchard Serv	30	+1	2.3	7.8	8.4
113	37	Pye Hldgs	90	+1	4.4n	4.9	6.7
36	23	Pyke W. J.	32	..	1.0	3.1	50.0
42	23	Pyramid Grp	41	..	3.3	8.1	8.4
22	14	Quaker Oats	£15	+⅛	59.7	4.0	9.8
30	6	Queens Moat	22	..	..	..	37.3
46	21	Quick H. J.	45	..	2.5	5.6	7.0
77	31	R.F.D.Group	49	..	2.4	4.9	4.5
80	27	RKT Textiles	70	..	7.1	10.3	6.3
268	117	Racal Elect	272	+6	5.9	2.8	11.1
28	12	Raine Eng	14	..	1.3b	9.9	5.9
20	9	Rakusen Grp	18	..	..	..	..
278	140	Rank Org Ord	235	+2	12.1	5.1	7.4
59	38	RHM	47	+⅛	5.0	10.6	7.5
67	50	RHP	57	+1	5.8	10.2	7.5
152	94	Ransomes Sims	140	..	12.9	9.2	4.7
80	30	Ratcliffe F. S.	65	..	7.1	11.0	6.4
112	18	Ratners	87	..	1.8	1.1	8.0
71	35	Raybeck Ltd	63	..	5.0	8.0	11.1
36	23	Readicut Int	30	..	2.2	7.3	6.3
143	72	RMC	110	+2	5.8	5.0	7.6
510	330	Reckitt & Colmn	400	+5	15.3	3.8	8.8
80	59	Record Ridgway	73	-2	6.8n	8.7	6.8
329	76	Redfearn Nat	266	+3	24.0	9.0	3.6
94	64	Rediffusion	64	+1	6.5	6.9	11.9
161	86	Redland	127	+2	6.3	4.9	8.6
62	16	Redman Heenan	50	..	2.8	5.5	3.4
100	32	Reed A.	68	..	4.1	6.1	8.1
97	32	Do A NV	66	..	3.9	6.0	7.6
47	15	Reed Exec	42	..	4.2	9.9	..
236	102	Reed Int	119	+5	19.7	16.6	4.9
21	14	Reliance Grp	£19	• +⅛	31.1	1.6	10.5
41	23	Reliance Knit	37	..	4.8	12.9	3.1
88	44	Rennies Cons	54	..	9.7	17.9	2.6
164	112	Renold Ltd	122	..	13.1	10.7	5.3
60	35	Rentokil Grp	50	..	2.3	4.6	11.6
46	17	Renwick Grp	36	..	..e	..	24.3
94	68	Revertex	86	+1	7.4	8.6	5.5
65	37	Rexmore	57	..	6.5	11.4	4.6
140	35	Ricardo Eng	110	..	4.0	3.6	8.2
84	37	Richards & Wall	69	..	6.2	8.9	8.8
22	14	Rich'n-Merrell	£15	+⅛	51.8	3.5	11.3
64	38	Richardsons W.	57	..	6.2	10.8	6.9
144	71	Rockware Grp	105	+2	8.0	7.6	6.2
78	55	Rolls-R Motors	66	+2	6.5	9.8	6.8
82	25	Ropner Hldgs	37	..	3.2	8.7	4.4
49	26	Do A	32	-1	3.2	10.1	3.8
13	4	Rosgill Hldgs	11	-⅛	..b	..	..
55	30	Rotaflex	49	• ..	3.5	7.1	6.9
52	22	Rotaprint	46	-1	4.2	9.1	7.6
56	23	Rothmns Int 'B'	47	..	3.1	6.5	3.0
141	86	Rotork Ltd	107	..	3.4	3.2	8.3
167	65	Routledge & K	167	..	5.6	3.3	12.7
102	40	Rowlinson Con	78	..	3.4	4.4	4.0
430	202	Rowntree Mac	365	+8	11.5	3.1	9.9
167	56	Rowton Hotels	143	+4	9.0	6.3	15.3
142	84	Royal Worcs	103	..	8.9	8.6	7.2
35	14	Royco Grp	33	..	0.8	2.3	..
40	18	Ruberoid	30	..	3.1	10.3	9.3
90	46	Rugby Cement	69	+1	5.0	7.3	8.4
61	32	SGB Do NV	46	..	4.2	9.2	13.0
154	58	SGB Grp	136	• +1	8.0	5.9	8.0
19	7	SKF 'B'	£10	+⅛	47.8	4.7	5.1
102	52	Saatchi	99	..	8.3	6.3	6.3
37	26	Sabah Timber	32	..	2.3	7.3	3.1
235	130	Sainsbury J.	162	..	5.6	3.3	10.3
20	15	St Gobain	£19	-⅛	83.7	3.4	9.0
230	113	Sale Tilney	190	..	15.5	8.2	6.4
281	116	Samuel H.	287	+2	12.0	4.5	13.1
273	113	Do A	240	..	12.0	5.0	11.8
65	41	Sanderson Kay	62	..	6.2	9.9	9.1
39	20	Sanderson Mur	33	..	4.7	14.2	3.5
56	40	Sanger J. E.	45	..	6.8	15.0	6.8
119	75	Sangers	75	..	8.8	11.7	5.8
77	33	Savoy Hotel 'A'	68	..	1.5	2.3	18.3
116	69	Scapa Grp	92	..	8.3n	9.0	1.7
297	193	Scholes G. H.	265	..	25.1	9.5	12.5
92	41	Scotcros	71	..	4.6	6.5	7.0
62	34	S.E.E.T.	49	..	2.8	5.6	3.2
41	18	Scot Heritable	39	..	2.0n	5.0	4.9
69	25	Scottish TV 'A'	69	+1	3.4	4.9	5.7
99	55	Scot Univ Inv	99	+5	3.0	3.1	49.3
70	32	Sears Hldgs	59	+1½	3.6	6.0	14.9
66	48	Securicor Grp	66	• ..	1.9	2.9	3.6
65	40	Do NV	64	• ..	1.9	3.0	3.5
76	46	Security Serv	76	• ..	3.0	4.0	3.9
74	40	Do A	74	• ..	3.0	4.1	3.8
24	11	Sekers Int	24	..	2.1b	8.8	13.4
28	10	Selincourt	23	+⅛	1.9	8.0	4.3
27	18	Senior Eng	22	..	1.8	8.0	7.5
129	44	Serck	94	+2	9.0	10.7	6.8
39	25	Shakespeare J.	35	..	2.7	7.8	6.1
27	13	Shaw Carpets	26	..	..e	..	..
101	55	Sheepbridge	68	+2	6.4	9.5	8.7
10	3	Sherman S.	8	..	..	..	..
108	62	Sidlaw Ind	85	+1	9.1	10.7	9.8
192	113	Siebe Gorman	158	..	8.0	5.1	8.8
65	30	Slemssen Hunt	58	..	4.2	7.3	8.7
175	152	Signode 7% Cn	£156	..	700	4.4	..
230	129	Simon Eng	199	-1	11.1	5.6	6.5
96	38	Simpson S.	76	+2	5.8	7.6	6.1
82	36	Do A	75	+1	5.8	7.7	6.1
59	31	Sirdar	50	..	4.2	8.5	2.8
83	54	600 Group	70	..	5.9	8.4	7.8
109	55	Sketchley	97	+1	7.0	7.2	11.5
28	19	Small & Tidmas	28	..	3.0	10.8	..
34	10	Smallshaw R.	34	..	2.3	6.7	3.8
48	21	Smart J.	41	..	5.5	13.4	4.0
99	28	Smith D. S.	79	..	3.9	4.9	6.8
67	39	Smith & Neph	59	+⅛	3.5	5.9	12.5
168	67	Smith W. H. 'A'	143	+1	3.1	2.2	16.1
182	120	Smiths Ind	152	+2	11.0	7.2	7.0
210	84	Smurfit	166	+3	9.2	5.5	14.3
35	15	Sobranie	26	..	2.5	9.8	10.7
35	15	Do NV	25	..	2.5	10.3	10.2
60	42	Solicitors Law	49	..	5.8	11.8	9.5
217	156	Sotheby P. B.	204	+4	12.7	6.2	8.5
172	111	Spear & Jackson	113	+1	14.2	12.6	11.3
245	100	Spear J. W.	230	..	2.8	1.2	9.0
33	14	Spencer Gears	33	..	1.7	5.0	9.0
49	31	Spencer G.	46	..	3.4	7.5	27.1
39	25	Spillers	27	-⅛	4.2	15.4	8.0
290	140	Spirax-Sarco	252	..	13.5	5.3	9.9
59	27	Sponer Ind	47	..	4.0	8.5	4.7
158	66	Staffs Potts	134	..	5.5	4.1	6.6
49	12	Stafley Int	14	..	..e	..	1.9
114	40	Stag Furniture	96	..	7.3	7.6	5.5
142	64	Stanley A. G.	108	..	8.0	7.4	13.7
260	163	Staveley Ind	215	..	13.2	6.1	7.3
362	204	Steel Bros	356	..	27.8b	5.0	10.2
254	138	Steetley Co	168	-6	9.3	5.5	7.6
16	9	Steinberg	14	..	1.3	9.3	16.1
50	35	Stew't & Ll 6½%	45	..	..	..	..
85	23	Stocklake Hldgs	82	-1	3.9	4.7	4.5
183	83	StocksJ. & Son	150	• -5	5.9	3.9	5.6
97	60	Stonehill	86	..	9.1b	10.6	8.1
146	93	Stone Platt	89	+1	5.8	5.6	..
174	96	Stothert & Pitt	135	..	14.5	10.7	6.1
45	27	Streeters	27	..	2.6	9.5	4.0
87	56	Strong & Fisher	65	-3	6.4	9.8	3.8
39	11	Sunbeam W'sey	30	..	2.6	8.7	7.5
47	28	Sutcliffe S'man	45	+1	3.6	8.0	7.1
161	40	Swan Hunter	135	..	10.3	7.6	11.1
150	79	Swire Pacific 'A'	85	..	..	..	..
20	9	Symonds Eng	19	..	2.0	10.6	11.3

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
31	9	Taco	31	+⅛	1.9n	6.1	5.4
10	6	Takeda Bdr	£9	..	16.8	1.8	30.1
23	3	Talbex Grp	20	..	0.4	2.0	19.3
220	136	Tarmac Ltd	130	+3	13.4	10.3	7.3
280	188	Tate & Lyle	192	+2	20.4	10.6	4.6
139	93	Tavener R'lge	102	-2	8.8	8.6	6.5
82	43	Taylor Pallis	80	..	6.8	8.5	7.8
504	244	Taylor Woodrow	356	+4	10.7	3.0	8.6
123	45	Tecalemit	105	+4	5.5	5.2	7.4
42	15	Telefusion	33	..	1.9	5.6	5.5
41	17	Do A	33	..	1.9	5.6	5.5
142	84	Telephone Rent	112	+1	8.3	7.4	9.9
50	33	Tesco	38	+1½	2.3	5.9	8.9
29	11	Textured Jersey	26	..	1.5b	5.8	12.6
138	81	Thermal Synd	110	• ..	10.2	9.2	5.9
254	121	Thomson Org	170	+3	3.0	1.8	14.8
450	196	Thorn Electric	342	+3	10.4	3.0	9.3
12	6	Thurgar Bardex	12	..	0.9	7.5	16.0
650	405	Tiger Oats	495	..	31.7	6.4	4.4
256	184	Tilbury Cont	237	+1	27.2	11.5	5.1
122	64	Tilling T.	101	..	6.6	6.5	8.9
128	42	Time Products	106	+1	2.4	2.3	9.9
20	8	Titaghur Jpte	12	..	..	..	..
31	16	Tomkins F. H.	20	..	1.5	7.1	7.5
51	31	Tootal	45	+⅛	3.8	8.2	10.3
48	16	Toye	44	..	1.3	2.8	26.2
50	32	Tozer Kemsley	44	..	4.6	10.5	5.3
166	95	Trafalgar H Ltd	136	+3	7.8	5.8	8.4
82	48	Trans Paper	67	..	6.7	10.0	8.3
73	48	Transport Dev	65	+2	4.5	6.9	11.7
5	2	Transwood Grp	4	+⅛	..	..	..
148	77	Travis & Arnold	139	+2	5.3	3.8	5.7
58	26	Tricoville	49	+2	2.8	5.6	4.5
59	31	Trident TV 'A'	51	+1	4.3	8.4	6.4
89	60	Triplex Fdnd	76	+1½	6.6	8.7	6.0
201	114	Trust Hse Forte	178	+6	12.4	7.0	7.3
431	311	Tube Invest	378	+4	31.8	8.4	8.0
287	137	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	230	+4	15.5	6.7	8.6
11	7	Turner Curzon	10	+⅛	1.1	10.8	6.0
253	130	Turner Newall	183	+1	15.3	8.4	8.4
128	53	Turner Mfg	98	+2	6.1	6.1	3.8
72	27	Turriff	61	..	3.2	5.2	7.9
79	34	UBM Grp	66	..	6.4	9.7	17.7
99	84	UDS Grp	88	+1	7.3	8.3	14.4
192	143	UKO Int	150	..	12.5	8.3	8.1
103	65	Unicorn Ind	88	..	8.2	9.3	8.0
57	42	Unigate	48	..	4.8	10.1	6.8
596	412	Unilever	482	..	20.8	4.3	8.0
28	20	Do NV	£23	..	129	5.3	9.1
102	55	Unitech	90	..	5.7n	6.3	10.4
177	130	Utd Biscuit	144	+2	8.2	5.7	8.1
54	31	Utd City Merc	43	+1	1.1	2.6	5.3
32	20	Utd Eng	26	..	3.4	13.0	7.2
63	31	Utd Gas Ind	51	..	5.8	10.8	8.3
372	198	Utd News	310	+4	19.7	6.4	9.8
282	91	Utd Scientific	265	+5	9.1	3.4	11.1
42	19	Valor	33	..	3.0	8.9	5.8
132	78	Vantona	112	+3	7.8	7.0	8.1
155	95	Vereeniging Ref	116	• ..	17.0	14.3	2.8
18	9	Velcro	£17	f ..	11.6	0.7	..
174	84	Vibroplant	156	s ..	15.0	9.6	11.3
242	144	Vickers	182	+3	13.8	7.6	4.5
48	26	Vita-Tex	43	..	4.9	11.5	6.2
192	71	Vosper	185	..	6.9b	4.4	2.6
79	37	W Ribbons	74	..	5.0	6.8	7.0
94	70	WGI	90	..	8.8	9.8	19.3
262	111	Waddington J.	206	..	3.6	1.8	7.3
33	18	Wade Potteries	30	..	2.0	6.5	6.3
117	70	Wadkin	113	..	8.0	7.1	6.2
125	83	Wagon Ind	115	• ..	11.2b	9.7	8.4
17	10	Walker & Homer	14	..	1.4	9.7	4.1
130	76	Walker C & W	160	..	9.1	9.1	5.4
103	33	Walker J. Gold	73	..	3.2	4.4	5.8
102	32	Do NV	71	+1	3.2	4.5	5.6
117	35	Ward & Gold	98	+4	6.2	6.8	6.4
65	33	Ward T. W.	67	• +1	6.2	10.8	9.2
21	13	Wardle B.	19	• ..	1.9	10.1	3.6
90	44	Waring & Gillow	76	..	4.3	6.4	7.6
46	29	Warne Wright	40	..	4.0	10.0	5.1
90	44	Warren J.	53	h ..	..e	..	..
43	18	Warrington T.	42	..	4.7	11.3	22.3
51	21	Waterford Glass	42	..	2.0	4.7	10.2
91	39	Watmoughs	77	..	5.5	7.1	7.6
70	36	Watson & Philip	56	..	3.7	6.6	7.8
175	103	Watts Blake	143	..	6.4b	4.4	7.2
22	10	Wearwell	19	..	..e	..	4.4
180	71	Weir Grp	115	-1	8.0	7.0	5.8
25	9	Wellco Hldgs	24	..	0.8	3.3	4.0
50	31	Wellman Eng	43	+⅛	3.3	7.7	7.7
44	22	Westbrick Pds	32	..	2.2	6.9	7.3
57	29	Westinghse Brke	46	..	3.2n	7.0	4.9
60	41	Westland Air	45	..	4.8	10.7	11.7
9	3	Westminster Inv	9	f ..	..e	..	..
30	17	Wharf Mill	23	..	2.2	9.8	10.1
54	25	Whatlings	44	..	3.9	8.8	8.5
240	115	W'sheaf Dist	125	..	11.4	9.1	6.7
50	23	Wh'lock Mar	34	..	..	..	..
107	51	Whessoe	86	+4	7.0	8.1	4.8
17	8	Wheway Watson	15	..	1.3	8.5	9.3
84	41	White Child	74	..	6.8	9.1	5.4
195	126	Whitecroft	180	-2	20.0	11.1	4.0
34	16	Whiteley BSW	44	..	0.8e	1.7	18.4
135	58	Wholesale Fit	129	..	8.3	6.6	7.4
276	95	Wigfall H.	212	+17	11.4n	5.4	11.0
25	11	Wiggins Constr	23	..	2.4	10.2	7.5
120	55	Wight Conv	120	..	10.2	8.5	9.8
314	129	Williams Match	167	+2	13.2	7.9	9.1
104	79	Do 10% Conv	£80	..	1000	11.2	..
44	25	Wms J. Cardiff	37	..	4.2	11.3	4.8
50	29	Wills G. & Sons	46	..	2.2	4.8	4.8
91	51	Wilmot Breeden	89	+1	4.5	7.5	4.3
47	17	Wilson Bros	41	..	2.1	6.2	10.0
91	38	Wimpey G	63	+1½	0.9	1.4	8.7
45	24	Wine Ind	41	..	4.0	9.8	6.6
44	29	Witter T.	34	• ..	4.4	12.9	8.0
200	92	W'sley Hughes	176	..	10.2	5.8	8.5
30	12	Wood & Sons	29	..	0.9	3.2	5.9
47	30	Wood S. W	35	..	5.8	16.5	..
101	63	Wood Hall Tst	84	..	7.3	8.7	7.7
127	48	Woodhead J	94	+3	6.4	6.0	5.6
32	16	W'dh'se Rixson	29	..	3.5	11.9	14.0
69	49	Woolworth	68	+6	6.0	8.7	13.9
29	15	Wrighton F.	23	..	1.7	7.3	..
295	140	Yarrow & Co	305	..	7.0	2.6	9.0
73	23	York Trailer	56	+1	3.3	5.8	5.8
48	30	Youghal C'pts	40	+1	7.2	17.9	4.6
39	11	Young H. Hldgs	39	+1	..	..	..
54	21	Zetters	43	..	1.8	3.9	10.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
285	175	Akroyd & Sm	216	..	25.4	11.8	2.2
410	200	Assam Trdng 'B'	380	..	3.8	0.9	4.2
31	17	Boustead	29	..	2.2	7.7	8.1
25	6	Brit Arrow	19	..	..	..	..
163	102	Challenge Corp	112	• ..	6.6	5.9	6.0
66	42	Charterhse Grp	56	..	5.1	9.1	10.8
37	27	C Fin de Suez	£32	..	..	..	..
348	215	Daily Mail Tst	273	+5	18.2	6.7	17.1
345	210	Do A	270	+5	18.2	6.7	16.9
242	198	Dalgety	238	+3	19.8	8.3	8.2
36	13	Dawnay Day	36	+2½	1.5	4.2	14.1
22	12	Edin Ind Hldgs	15	..	0.2n	1.0	34.1
113	79	Electra Inv	98	..	6.5	6.7	20.9
27	15	Exploration	22	..	0.8	3.3	9.7
85	27	FC Finance	68	..	2.3	3.3	18.7
31	14	Goode D & M Grp	25	+1	1.2	4.8	..
427	293	Inchcape	362	..	22.7b	6.3	8.3
129	60	Lloyds & Scot	99	+2	6.0	6.0	13.0
18	6	Ldn & Euro Grp	14	-1	..	..	..
130	61	M&G Grp (Hldgs)	111	-1	5.2	4.7	11.7
54	26	Manson Fin	43	+1	4.9	11.4	15.2
75	47	Martin R. P.	61	..	9.1	15.0	9.3
106	40	Prop Inv & Fin	106	+8	6.1b	5.7	24.9
119	61	Prov Fin Grp	90	..	7.4	8.2	8.1
120	87	Sime Darby	103	+3	4.2	4.1	9.2
61	37	Smith Bros	56	• +1	7.8	13.2	11.8
750	631	Tyndall O'seas	687	..	46.4	6.8	..
55	14	Utd Dom Tst	36	+1	..e	..	26.5
117	43	Wagon Fin	88	• +4	6.3	7.1	9.2
84	33	Yule Catto	80	-8	2.0	2.5	15.0

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
131	65	Bowring	110	+4	4.2	3.8	..
58	39	Brentnall Beard	44	..	1.9	4.4	13.5
184	112	Britannic	150	..	12.5	8.4	..
172	102	Com Union	146	+3	11.6	7.9	..
180	107	Eagle Star	141	+4	9.3	6.6	..
194	114	Equity & Law	168	..	9.4	5.6	..
284	161	Gen Accident	212	+2	12.3	5.8	..
294	175	Guardian Royal	218	+3	14.5	6.7	..
300	185	Hambro Life	272	..	24.1	8.9	..
273	136	Heath C. E.	273	+8	7.5	2.7	12.6
201	125	Hogg Robinson	172	..	9.0	5.2	9.6
201	127	Howden A.	168	+7	5.6	3.3	10.4
184	108	Legal & Gen	157	+2	8.0	5.1	..
117	90	Leslie & Godwin	93	..	6.4	6.9	10.5
150	90	London & Man	124	..	8.2	6.6	..
150	57	Ldn Utd Inv	135	..	5.8	4.3	11.3
286	187	Matthews W'son	210	..	13.9	6.6	9.4
193	100	Minet Hldgs	175	+2	4.9	2.8	14.5
79	43	Moran C.	57	+1	5.0n	8.8	6.3
292	182	Pearl	230	-2	17.3	7.5	..
322	188	Phoenix	244	..	14.9	6.1	..
130	100	Prov Life 'A'	123	..	11.8	9.6	..
130	100	Do A Br	123	..	11.8	9.6	..
130	100	Do B	123	..	11.8	9.6	..
130	100	Do B Br	123	..	11.8	9.6	..
188	116	Prudential	146	..	9.5	6.5	..
152	94	Refuge	126	..	10.5	8.3	..
490	290	Royal	370	..	24.9	6.7	..
396	224	Sedg. Forbes	360	+6	14.5	4.0	11.5
111	89	Stenhouse	98	• +8	6.1	6.3	7.3
662	385	Sun Alliance	515	+3	30.5	5.9	..
117	65	Sun Life	96	+1	4.7	4.9	..
175	112	Trade Indem'ty	160	..	12.0	7.5	..
310	195	Willis Faber	283	+6	11.9	4.2	14.6

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
142	104	Aberdeen Trst	118	..	7.1	6.0	22.9
224	166	Alliance Trust	194	..	10.6n	5.5	26.2
49	31	Amer Trust	38	..	1.8b	4.8	34.9
100	78	Ang-Amer Secs	84	..	4.6	5.4	25.5
52	32	Anglo Int Inv	45	• ..	4.9	10.8	13.6
137	87	Do Ass	105	..	..	..	..
44	31	Anglo Scot	38	..	2.4	6.6	23.1
133	93	Ashdown Inv	107	..	6.1	5.7	25.5
58	35	ABC Regional	53	..	0.8	1.4	54.1
90	49	Atlantic Assets	70	+⅛	0.6	0.9	..
62	40	Atlas Electric	51	+⅛	2.4	4.7	39.7
61	38	Bankers Inv	48	..	3.5b	7.3	19.5
58	40	Berry Trust	45	..	1.3	2.9	50.0
258	208	Border & Sthrn	238	..	11.4	4.8	29.4
41	30	Brit Am & Gen	34	• ..	2.5	7.2	20.2
71	40	Brit Assets Tst.	61	+⅛	3.3	5.4	26.2
12	7	Brit Emp Sec	9	..	0.9	9.3	13.9
165	116	Brit Invest	140	h ..	6.8	4.9	32.1
149	102	Broadstone	122	..	7.8	6.4	22.9
98	63	Brunner	79	..	5.4	6.8	22.0
76	42	Brycourt Inv	68	..	3.3	4.9	21.5
68	43	CLRP Inv	56	..	2.9	5.1	23.6
250	187	Caledonia Inv	216	..	12.8	5.9	23.8
75	56	Caledonian Tst	60	+⅛	2.6	4.3	30.2
68	52	Do B	58	..	..	..	..
124	91	Capital & Natl	104	..	6.8	6.5	..
117	84	Do B	100	..	..	..	..
107	73	Cardinal 'Dfd'	89	• ..	5.9	6.6	..
113	65	Carliol Inv	94	..	5.8	6.2	22.4
67	46	Cedar Inv	56	..	3.8	6.8	21.2
59	40	Charter Trust	46	..	3.3	7.0	20.9
69	54	Clydesdale Inv	59	..	2.7	4.6	37.8
68	49	Do B	57	..	..	..	..
11	8	Common Mkt	£11	..	29.5g	1.8	..
209	150	Cont & Ind	160	..	9.1	5.7	27.8
129	102	Crescent Japan	124	-⅛	..	..	..
82	48	Crossfriars	69	-1	5.3	7.8	20.1
29	14	Cumulus	26	..	1.2	4.7	32.5
100	80	Delta Inv	87	..	..	..	..
210	132	Derby Tst 'Inc'	209	+1	20.4	9.7	18.0
170	86	Do Cap	140	..	..	..	..
135	100	Drayton Com	107	• ..	6.8	6.4	20.8
146	115	Drayton Cons	123	..	7.1	5.8	23.3
195	150	Do Premier	156	• ..	10.2	6.5	21.7
65	40	Dundee & Ldn	55	..	3.5	6.3	23.4
168	115	Edin & Dundee	168	h ..	5.3b	3.2	..
96	65	Edin Amer Ass	87	• +⅛	1.7	1.9	55.4
228	164	Edinburgh Inv	196	+1	10.2	5.2	34.0
72	50	Elec & Gen	60	..	2.2b	3.7	37.3
92	69	Eng & Int	79	..	5.3	7.0	20.3
78	64	Eng & N York	63	• ..	3.9	6.2	23.5
283	171	Estate Duties	257	..	11.2	4.4	30.5
93	69	First Scot Am	77	+⅛	4.3	5.6	25.9
153	117	Foreign & Colnl	131	• +1	5.7	4.3	34.8
131	98	Gt Japan Inv	104	..	2.3	2.2	50.2
148	100	Gen Funds 'Ord'	127	+2	7.1	5.6	26.6
117	78	Do Conv	96	..	..	..	..
106	74	Gen Inv & Tsts	89	-1	5.2	5.8	26.0
84	65	Gen Scottish	74	+1	4.6	6.2	24.0
87	58	Glendevon	73	+1	2.6	3.5	51.4
122	71	Globe Trust	96	..	6.2b	6.4	21.7
76	49	Grange Trust	67	..	3.2	4.7	29.6
110	76	Great Northern	92	+1	5.9	6.4	23.3
88	61	Greenfriar	67	..	2.2	3.3	37.0
82	37	Gresham Hse	51	..	4.6	8.9	12.1
84	57	Guardian	70	..	3.6	5.1	29.3
94	61	Hambros	78	..	5.1	6.5	23.9
31	12	Barcros	21	xh ..	1.0	4.6	36.2
196	122	Hill P. Inv	161	..	10.8	6.7	22.9
79	43	Hume Hldgs A	70	• ..	6.4	9.1	17.7
53	36	Indus & General	43	..	2.2	5.0	28.1
78	52	Internat Inv	66	..	4.0	6.0	22.0
122	89	Invest in Suc	110	..	4.4	4.0	35.5
206	162	Inv Tst Corp	176	+2	9.2	5.2	28.5
75	55	Inv Cap Trst	64	+1	2.5	3.9	35.4
132	103	Jardine Japan	108	..	1.1	1.0	..
143	103	Jersey Ext	112	..	..	..	..
90	66	Lake View Inv	75	..	3.3	4.4	31.6
101	68	Law Deb Corp	80	..	6.8	7.6	18.8
111	84	Ldn & Holyrood	95	..	5.0	5.3	29.5
181	139	Ldn & Montrose	156	..	8.3	5.3	28.9
109	84	Ldn & Prov Tst	92	..	4.7	5.1	29.3
98	34	Ldn Merch Sec	77	+2	2.1	2.7	..
94	31	Do Cap	73	+1	..	..	..
71	44	Ldn Pru Invest	65	..	4.2b	6.4	27.3
183	125	Ldn Trust	174	..	12.1b	7.0	22.7
39	26	Mercantile Inv	33	..	1.9	5.6	22.3
72	55	Merchants Trust	62	..	3.8b	6.4	27.0
50	40	Monks Inv	41	..	2.1	5.1	28.4
85	47	Moorgate Inv	78	..	4.6	5.9	24.3
97	60	Moorside Trst	85	..	7.2	8.5	17.6
22	11	New Throg 'Inc'	18	..	2.3b	12.8	13.7
123	24	Do Cap	72	..	..	..	..
94	74	North Atlantic	79	..	4.1	5.1	27.6
100	71	Northern Amer	81	+1	4.3	5.3	28.5
101	64	Northern Sec	95	..	5.0b	5.2	22.3
66	48	Oil & Associated	52	+1	3.0	5.7	25.8
118	88	Pentland	101	+1	6.1n	6.1	24.6
75	60	Progressive Sec	68	..	4.0	5.9	25.0
123	95	Raeburn	104	..	5.6	5.4	24.8
177	108	River & Merc	148	• ..	12.3	8.3	16.7
144	85	River Plate	122	• -3	9.5	7.8	..
89	69	Romney Trust	74	• ..	4.0	5.4	25.5
187	104	Rothschild	159	-2	8.5	5.4	24.1
71	44	Safeguard	67	..	5.5	8.1	17.9
88	57	Scot Amer	75	+1	3.8	5.1	..
62	35	Scot&Cont'l Inv	62	..	1.8	2.9	48.8
131	40	Scot & Merc 'A'	102	..	4.6	4.5	22.4
132	102	Scot Eastern	114	+1	6.1	5.4	30.9
38	25	Scot European	34	..	2.3b	6.6	25.2
99	75	Scot Invest	84	+1	3.9	4.6	31.6
119	91	Scot Mortgage	95	+1	4.6b	4.8	30.0
149	111	Scot National	119	+⅛	5.2	4.4	31.2
100	70	Scot Northern	86	+⅛	4.2	4.9	28.9
87	73	Scot United	79	+1	3.0	4.0	37.6
89	70	Scot Western	75	• +2	3.5	4.6	35.7
86	64	Do B	71	+⅛	..	..	..
181	143	Sec Alliance	161	+1	8.6n	5.3	25.6
79	61	Sec Gt Northern	65	+⅛	2.8	4.3	38.9
79	58	Do B	62	..	..	..	37.1
174	132	Sterling Trust	144	• -⅛	8.0	5.6	25.8
94	67	Stockholders	78	..	3.1	4.1	38.3
104	62	Throg Sec 'Cap'	86	..	..	..	..
73	43	Throgmtn Trust	64	..	6.6	10.3	14.7
164	125	Trans-Oceanic	143	..	7.6	5.3	28.3
676	555	Tribune Inv	592	-3	19.7	3.3	33.9
67	49	Triplevest 'Inc'	62	+⅛	6.4	10.3	15.8
179	94	Do Cap	115	+2	..	..	..
138	92	Trustees Corp	120	-1	6.4	5.3	28.0
111	87	Tyneside Inv	96	-1	5.8	6.1	23.4
126	97	Utd Brit Secs	104	-1	6.6	..	26.4
95	74	Utd States Deb	80	-⅛	5.3b	6.6	21.3
190	142	Utd States Gen	153	-1	8.0	5.3	24.3
104	69	Viking Res	74	..	1.4	1.9	81.7
194	140	W'bottom Trust	171	..	7.0	4.1	38.3
86	62	Witan Inv	70	..	3.2b	4.5	..
83	61	Do B	65	-1	0.1	0.2	..
171	111	Yeoman Tst	149	• ..	11.5	7.7	18.9
29	17	Yorks & Lancs	27	..	2.1b	7.6	19.6
80	50	Young Co Inv	68	..	5.0b	7.4	19.6

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
321	215	Brit & Comm	254	..	13.0	5.1	8.7
132	54	Fisher J.	117	+2	2.2	1.9	11.3
355	207	Furness Withy	248	..	11.9	4.8	4.9
305	140	Hunting Gibson	200	..	16.4	8.2	2.7
41	24	Jacobs J. I.	39	..	2.8	7.2	11.6
57	30	Ldn & O'seas Fr	32	-⅛	5.1	16.0	..
270	215	Manch Liners	220	..	7.6	3.5	26.2
170	122	Ocean Trans	128	+1½	11.8	9.2	3.4
172	95	P & O 'Dfd'	96	..	9.6	10.0	8.6
128	94	Runciman W	97	-1	12.6	12.9	7.1

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
530	370	Anglo Am Coal	473	• +8	35.5	7.5	..
322	195	Anglo Am Corp	282	+4	19.5g	6.9	..
17	11	Ang Am Gold	£16	-⅛	97.2	5.9	..
34	19	Anglo Am Inv	£34	+1⅛	303	8.9	..
9	6	Anglo Transvl	£8	..	66.1	10.2	..
9	6	Do A	£7	..	66.1	10.2	..
11	8	Asarco	£11	+⅛	20.5	1.7	..
397	233	Ayer Hitam	278	+3	97.1	34.9	..
56	28	Beralt Tin	55	..	6.2	11.2	..
417	248	Blyvoors	341	+11	33.5	9.8	..
46	15	Botswana RST	15	..	..	..	..
98	63	Bracken Mines	89	+3½	16.5	18.5	..
127	63	Bril South	63	..	..	..	..
10	5	Buffelsfontein	£9	+⅛	94.5	10.8	..
134	100	Charter Cons	122	-1	11.8	9.7	..
229	136	Cons Gold Fields	192	+4	11.7	6.1	..
327	188	De Beers 'Dfd'	327	+5	23.7	7.2	..
338	145	Doornfontein	313	+4	28.7	8.8	..
386	132	Durban Rood	359	+4	..e	..	..
35	8	East Dagga	27	..	..	..	..
738	425	E Driefontein	704	+11	48.5	6.9	..
477	177	E Rand Prop	398	+6	..	..	..
88	29	El Oro M & Ex	50	..	1.5	3.0	..
154	64	Elsburg Gold	151	+3	8.4	5.6	..
17	8	F S Geduld	£17	+⅛	158	9.1	..
370	217	Geevor Tin	495	..	30.3	6.1	..
17	12	Gen Mining	£15	+⅛	139	8.8	..
338	185	Gopeng Cons	250	..	22.7	9.1	..
182	52	Grootvlei	152	+2	11.9	7.8	..
310	160	Hamersley	265	-8	..	..	..
112	77	Hampton Gold	82	+1	2.2	2.7	..
489	255	Harmony	388	+8	33.0	8.5	..
13	7	Hartebeest	£11	+⅛	91.2	7.9	..
15	10	Jo'burg Cons	£13	+⅛	104	7.9	..
391	200	Kinross	381	+25	22.4	5.9	..
578	290	Kloof	502	+12	18.7	3.7	..
82	20	Leslie	45	+1	2.8	6.2	..
562	175	Libanon	562	+4	49.7	8.8	..
76	42	Lydenburg Plat	69	+4	1.3	1.9	..
165	123	MIM Hldgs	129	+4	5.7	4.4	..
86	40	MTD (Mangula)	40	..	13.8	34.5	..
410	220	Malayan Tin	295	..	..	..	..
121	46	Marievale Con	87	+1⅛	38.8	44.6	..
195	71	Messina Trans	73	-1	19.6	26.8	..
38	10	Metals Explor	10	-⅛	..	..	..
230	125	Middle Wits	158	..	14.2	9.0	..
154	125	Minorco	140	..	6.2	4.4	..
480	247	Nthgate Explor	250	..	51.2	20.5	..
50	28	Pahang Cons	49	..	3.8	7.7	..
555	348	Peko Wallsend	438	-2	..	..	..
10	6	Pres Brand	£10	+⅛	88.5	8.6	..
7	4	Pres Steyn	£7	+⅛	13.2	1.7	..
160	89	Rand Mine Prop	125	+5	8.8	7.1	..
36	19	Randfontein	£35	+⅛	321	9.2	..
246	164	Rio Tinto Zinc	198	+4	12.9b	7.1	..
165	52	Roan Cons 'B'	73	..	..	..	..
98	60	Rustenburg	92	+4	..	..	..
90	35	Saint Piran	81	..	3.9	4.8	..
12	6	St Helena	£8	+⅛	75.9	8.8	..
500	370	Selection Tst	382	+2	28.3	7.4	..
231	118	Sentrust	210	+6	18.0	8.6	..
97	29	SA Land	57	..	..	..	..
76	53	South Crofty	53	..	6.3	11.9	..
325	235	Southvaal	338	+4	13.1	3.9	..
305	150	Sthn Malayan	245	..	18.2	7.4	..
180	87	Sungei Besi	153	..	..	..	..
184	116	Tang Cons	122	..	11.9	9.8	..
163	42	Tanjong Tin	98	..	19.2	19.6	..
260	207	Tharsis Sulph	250	..	6.1	2.4	..
12	8	Transvaal Cons	£12	+⅛	61.4	5.2	..
200	93	Tronoh Mines	128	+4	7.0	5.5	..
232	117	UC Invest	232	• +4	20.1	8.7	..
294	165	Union Corp	284	+4	22.8	8.0	..
14	8	Vaal Reefs	£13	+⅛	77.0	5.8	..
288	70	Venterspost	266	..	71.6	26.9	..
42	27	Wankie Colliery	36	+7	7.8	19.4	..
313	118	Welkom	313	+17	23.1	7.4	..
23	13	W Driefontein	£19	+⅛	174	9.0	..
209	113	W Rand Cons	135	..	8.2	6.1	..
242	110	Western Areas	235	+2	8.2	3.5	..
8	5	Western Deep	£7	+⅛	81.3	4.5	..
19	10	Western Hldgs	£19	+⅛	185	9.6	..
164	84	Western Mining	89	+1	3.6	4.2	..
773	380	Winkelhaak	773	+27	56.7	7.3	..
23	10	Zambia Copper	10	..	..e	..	..

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
62	43	Ampol Pet	55	-1	..	..	..
120	47	Attock	112	f ..	6.5	5.8	..
186	126	Brit Borneo	136	..	9.3	6.8	..
960	720	BP	726	+2	33.5	4.6	..
83	41	Burmah Oil	46	+1	..e	..	..
66	44	Century Oils	51	+1	3.7	7.3	..
34	18	Charterhall	21	+⅛	..	..	..
16	12	C F Petroles	£11	-⅛	126	10.9	..
44	24	KCA Int	29	+⅛	6.7	8.5	..
195	124	Lasmo	142	+2	..	..	..
415	263	Do Ops	298	+5	..	..	..
109	84	Do 14% Ln	£101	+⅛	1400	13.8	..
322	77	Oil Exploration	172	-14	2.9	1.7	..
23	8	Premier Cons	13	+⅛	..	..	..
238	14	Ranger Oil	£10	-⅛	..	..	..
3	1	Reynolds Div	1	..	..	..	..
50	35	Royal Dutch	£41	+⅛	247	5.9	..
633	458	Shell Trans	504	+7	23.5	4.7	..
202	104	Tricentrol	134	+4	1.7	1.3	..
266	134	Ultramar	198	..	..	..	..
156	84	Do 7% Cnv	122	+1½	10.8	8.7	..

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
60	29	Allied Ldn	47	+2	2.8	6.0	..
230	127	Allnatt Ldn	208	+3	3.9	1.9	..
242	114	Apex Props	220	• +5	5.3	2.4	..
18	11	Aquis Secs	17	..	1.0	5.9	..
95	51	Beaumont Prop	82	+1	5.8	7.0	..
64	23	Bellway Hldgs	53	-1	4.0	7.6	..
127	59	Berkeley Hmbro	94	+2	4.0	4.2	..
186	130	Bilton Percy	164	..	9.4	5.7	..
183	116	Do Accum	158	..	0.3	0.2	..
234	118	Bradford Prop	223	..	9.8	4.4	..
47	22	British Land	34	+1	..e	..	..
118	56	Brixton Estate	97	+2	2.8	2.9	..
51	10	Cap & Counties	49	+3	1.0	2.1	..
320	141	Chesterfield	296	..	4.0	1.4	..
14	8	Chown Secs	10	..	..	..	..
270	145	Churchbury Est	250	..	6.6	2.6	..
64	37	City Offices	56	• +2	2.0	3.7	..
173	114	Corn Exchange	164	..	5.8	3.5	..
27	17	Country & New T	24	+⅛	1.0	4.0	..
91	35	County & Dist	80	+2	1.3	1.6	..
73	32	Daejan Hldgs	73	+⅛	4.5	6.1	..
51	34	Eng Prop	38	+⅛	3.6	9.7	..
29	11	Estates & Gen	18	..	1.2	6.7	..
90	35	Estates Prop	88	• +3	1.7	2.0	..
100	32	Evans of Leeds	83	-1	3.8	4.6	..
330	200	Gt Portland	302	+4	4.8	1.6	..
87	52	Guildhall	75	• +2	3.8n	5.1	..
595	310	Hammerson 'A'	555	+13	7.7	1.4	..
260	182	Haslemere Ests	237	+3	4.6	2.0	..
231	142	Land Secs	210	+4	7.3	3.5	..
56	33	Law Land	44	+1	1.5b	3.4	..
93	46	Ldn & Prov Sh	82	+2	1.1	1.4	..
74	49	Ldn Shop	60	+3	4.8	8.0	..
132	69	Lynton Hldgs	115	..	3.6	3.1	..
134	46	MEPC	118	+2	2.8	2.4	..
190	68	McKay Secs	185	..	2.2	1.2	..
28	8	Marler Estates	22	..	..	..	..
38	15	Midhurst Whites	36	..	..	..	..
122	46	Mucklow A & J.	105	..	3.4	3.2	..
166	108	Municipal	165	..	7.0	4.2	..
83	28	Peachey Prop	70	+1	1.5	2.1	..
315	180	Prop & Rever	297	+2	7.1	2.4	..
315	178	Do A	297	+2	7.1	2.4	..
347	216	Prop Hldgs	317	+6	9.9	3.1	..
156	44	Prop Sec	129	+1	8.1	6.3	..
6	2	Raglan Prop	4	..	..	..	..
87	31	Regional	85	• ..	1.5n	1.8	..
77	30	Do A	88	• +2	1.5n	1.7	..
115	29	Rush & Tompkins	92	+1	3.9	4.2	..
118	89	Scot Met Props	103	+1	2.9	2.8	..
129	77	Slough Ests	114	+2	3.4	3.0	..
268	158	Stock Conv	234	+1	3.6n	1.5	..
229	90	Sunley B.	195	• +3	6.8	3.5	..
17	5	Town & City	13	+1	0.6	4.6	..
97	41	Trafford Park	84	+1½	3.5	4.2	..
24	10	UK Props	20	+⅛	..	..	..
20	7	Webb J.	14	• -⅛	0.7	5.2	..
19	10	W'mster & C'ty	15	..	..	..	..

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
94	34	Anglo-Indonesia	93	..	3.9	4.2	..
39	18	Bradwall FMS	37	..	1.9	5.1	..
197	82	Castlefield	169	• ..	5.0	3.0	..
58	25	Chersonese	53	..	3.0	5.7	..
109	74	Cons Plant	109	+1½	12.0	11.0	..
56	13	Doranakande	52	..	2.2n	4.2	..
57	27	Gadek Malaysia	47	..	1.0	2.1	..
12	5	Grand Central	10	..	0.8	7.8	..
250	155	Guthrie Corp	228	+6	18.2	8.0	..
78	48	Harrisons Malay	68	+⅛	4.6	6.8	..
73	36	Highlds & Low	73	+2	4.7	6.4	..
145	67	Hongkong	145	..	8.4	5.8	..
210	125	Killinghall	210	..	17.5	8.3	..
36	22	Kulim Malaysia	36	+⅛	2.1	5.7	..
125	44	Ldn Sumatra	116	h -1	6.1	5.3	..
58	22	Majedie	58	+1	1.0	1.8	..
33	10	Malayalam	30	h ..	1.3	4.2	..
34	12	Muar River	34	..	0.7	1.9	..
69	34	Plant Hldgs	64	..	3.2	5.0	..
36	10	Sungei Krian	£20	-1	214	10.6	..

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
390	147	Assam Frontier	284	..	24.6	8.7	..
116	52	Assam Inv	104	..	10.6	10.2	..
240	85	Camellia Inv	186	..	2.8	1.4	..
156	22	Deundi	130	h ..	4.9	3.3	..
250	123	Jokai	250	..	18.8n	7.4	..
245	120	McLeod Russel	196	-7	13.2	7.7	..
410	124	Moran	408	..	5.4	1.3	..
100	15	Surmah Valley	100	..	10.0	10.0	..
202	102	Warren Plant	188	..	20.0	10.6	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
10	7	Algoma Cen Rly	£9	-⅛	25.0	2.7	13.5
71	40	Calcutta Elec	70	..	13.0	18.6	..
52	42	E Surr Wtr 4.9%	£50	..	490	9.7	..
38	31	Essex Wtr 3.5%	36	..	530	14.5	..
84	47	Gt Nthn Tele	£58	..	193	3.3	13.8
450	310	Imp Cont Gas	318	..	14.2	4.6	13.7
35	33	Mid Kent Wtr	£33	..	500	13.2	..
92	46	Milford Docks	73	..	4.1	5.7	7.5
278	140	Nigerian Elec	256	..	20.8	7.8	..
38	31	Sunderlnd Wtr	£36	..	538	14.8	..

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 08.03.78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	190.42	6.88	12.94	188.86
Largest Coys.	193.63	6.64	12.32	190.88
Smaller Coys.	180.06	7.66	14.91	178.89
Capital Goods	219.96	7.16	14.73	217.39
Consumer Goods	203.32	7.35	12.67	202.59
Store Shares	167.68	6.15	7.96	163.17
Largest financial shares	212.43	6.63	—	211.50
Largest financial and industrial shares	197.21	6.52	—	194.80
Commodity shares	211.04	5.48	11.20	207.49
Gold Mining shares	308.73	5.14	16.37	302.51
Industrial debenture stocks	64.56	6.38*	—	64.45
Industrial preference stocks	61.57	11.86*	—	61.49
3½% War Loan	36	9.82*	—	36

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	222.98 (14.09.77)	60.18 (12.12.70)
1978	208.15 (06.01.78)	184.65 (02.03.78)
1977	222.98 (14.09.77)	161.29 (22.01.77)
1976	171.83 (05.05.76)	118.83 (27.10.76)
1975	158.82 (19.11.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1973	189.33 (12.01.73)	120.90 (14.12.73)

* Flat interest yield.

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apital spending y ICI set £720m despite erling fears

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tal Correspondent
al spending by ICI, s largest industrial is expected to amount to this year and could rise m next year.
he company made clear ry that it was carefully g the prospect for expenditure, and deci- on the levels to be this year are expected lecided at an ICI board later this month.
owland Wright, retiring n of the company, said ry that to maintain the ate of sanctioning this last (£804m) the com- would have to keep a watch on how individual s' economies developed. he added, spending on already sanctioned continue to rise.
st the background of erse effect of sterling's tion on the group's ales, Sir Rowland gave ng that the pound was cent overvalued for ex- industries.
evel of the pound was e level justified by the performance of the Kingdom and its main or countries.
is continues", he said, have a very damaging on British industry's and, if prolonged, will ne the ability and in- o invest in new plants y overseas markets.
r investment would wer jobs, and inevir- ustry's ability to match onal competition would d in the longer term.
d hardly add that the will be compounded by uragement that a high rate gives to imports. seen plenty of signs Americans are taking antage of this differ-

investment side, much mpany's spending this year would be at a new site—which was still awaiting formal clearance from the authorities—at Wilhelmshaven, West Germany.

Plants under construction in the United Kingdom had suffered from delays in construction due to late delivery of equipment and labour troubles.

The new ethylene plant, being built at Wilton, on Teesside, was about a year behind schedule and was not expected to be brought into commission until the final quarter of this year at the earliest.

Sir Rowland stressed that the company's view on forward investment plans represented a "realistic" appraisal of market prospects, rather than a gloomy one.

ICI's fibres operations—which last year produced a trading loss of £16m compared with a loss the previous year of £11m—had been affected by the sharp downturn in market demand since the second half of last year.

Mr John Harvey-Jones, who has been in charge of reorganizing the company's fibres operations, told the conference that in the first half of last year the fibres activity had been breaking even financially.

"Total European fibre producers' losses last year I estimate at £500m, of which we contributed a modest 3 per cent with an 18 per cent share of the market", he said.

Mr Harvey-Jones said he was more optimistic about the prospects for the United Kingdom textile industry than for some time. ICI's fibres operations were expected to show a loss in the current year.

It was reckoned that fibre producers in Europe would require across-the-board price increases of 20 per cent to put their operations back into profit, although ICI's requirement for increases was considerably less.

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ter aides considering to strengthen dollar

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n, March 8
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ar considerably more about the decline in al value of the dollar r public statements

dministration officials y to increase the level American intervention reign exchange mar- cessary, and they ap- ied that intervention ce positive results.
hael Blumenthal, Sec- the Treasury, told a nal committee today United States had in- forcefully and "I be- are making progress the situation".
ons have recently at the White House ossibility of imposing a of new tariffs or oil imports in a direct reduce the nation's payments deficit, add n Congress to enact rapidly energy legislation, and strengthen international confidence in the dollar.

There has also been some discussion over the possibility of trying to increase foreign capital flows to the United States in the near future by raising interest rates again. Or there could be special Treasury foreign currency bonds issued to foreign central banks or more presidential statements on the extent to which America was willing to devote its formidable gold and other reserves to the defence of the dollar.

The Administration's concern does not just centre on the inflationary aspects of the declining dollar and the immediate negative balance of payments effects, but also on wider trade issues.

It is clearly increasing pressure on Congress to move more rapidly on energy legislation. Mr Blumenthal stressed that this is the single most important step that can be taken to cut the nation's payments deficit and stabilize the dollar.

Barratt
Developments Limited

INTERIM STATEMENT
NATIONAL GROWTH SUSTAINED

rratt Group reports continued growth during the six to 31st December, 1977, together with an improve- profit over the corresponding period last year.
owing are the unaudited results of the Group.

	Half year ended 31st December 1977 £'000	Half year ended 31st December 1976 £'000
	54,146	45,760
it		
ding, including rental income	4,038	3,636
d sales	49	208
	4,087	3,844
	537	1,998
	3,550	1,846

ast at the time of the Rights Issue, in November recent upturn in the private housebuilding sector affected these results to a minor degree. However have continued to recover from the low point during the second half of our last financial year mentioned at the time of the Rights Issue can be to work through during the second half of this year. The excellent land bank, coupled with strong sales and supported by a sound financial position ble the Group to consolidate further its position as major private housebuilder.

dually improving climate in contracting will also e Group while its involvement in commercial ent continues to make satisfactory progress.

n acquisition of James Harrison Holdings Limited eflected in the above results but the full year's ill incorporate twelve months' figures of that com- e shares to be issued in respect thereof will be or a full year's dividend.

im dividend of 2.64p net per share has been de- ich is payable on 31st May, 1978, to shareholders gister at close of business on 5th May, 1978. In the f unforeseen circumstances it is the intention of rd to recommend total dividends in respect of the ng 30th June, 1978, of 8.0575659p net per Ordinary

L. A. BARRATT
Chairman

, 1978

Commission price index up 1.4 pc in a month

By Derek Harris

Inflation is moving back to the levels of last autumn on the evidence of the Price Commission's early-warning index, which showed a 1.4 per cent increase to a 7.3 per cent annual rate in February, compared with January's 5.9 per cent.

Last autumn the Commission's index—usually a reliable indicator of what will happen to prices in the shops in two to three months' time—was hovering over the 7 per cent mark.

It fell to 5.8 per cent in November and maintained a flat trend at about this level into the new year. The index is based on price notifications and represents the percentage change in a six-month period expressed as an annual rate.

The flat trend owed much to a slump in price notifications from companies in August and September after the setting up of the new Price Commission with its different powers.

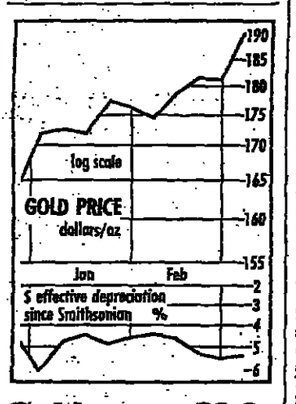
The Commission said last night that while the February figure might suggest that the previous flat trend was giving way to an upturn, it believed the underlying trend was still stable.

It expected the rate to remain stable "at about the level reached in the autumn of last year".

The lower figures of the intervening months represented a temporary decline below the underlying trend, largely because of the effect of the August and September dip in notifications. Last month's figure would have been affected by the low August returns being dropped from the six-month rolling percentage.

But there was also a bunching of notifications of price rises from nationalized industries last month.

Although this could have inflated the February figure slightly above the new trend, more companies which have hitherto held back from making price rises are now being forced to act by cost pressures despite having to run the gauntlet of the Commission's new powers of investigation.



Gold surges $3.8 to 3-year high

Gold was in great demand again yesterday with a $3.8 an ounce leap in its value to $190.875 an ounce in London. It is now at its highest level in dollar terms since the end of 1974.

Some dealers believe that while the metal did not react as quickly as expected to the dollar's weakness, it is now set to advance strongly.

In the foreign exchange markets there were bursts of activity yesterday, with the market still nervous about the dollar.

The yen rose sharply, following a lead from Tokyo markets. It closed up at 234.25 to the dollar.

Sterling, in common with other European currencies, dropped slightly against the dollar on the day.

In the stock market some reasonable buying from America and Europe combined with the bullion price to add up to £1 to some gold shares.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will hold an "informal" meeting in Geneva on April 3, to consider the effect of the dollar slide on oil revenues.

Barrister may head securities panel

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke
Financial Editor

A leading commercial barrister, Mr Patrick Neill, QC, is expected to become the first chairman of the Council for the Securities Industry.

The Council, being established under a special Bank of England working party headed by Sir Jasper Hollom, its deputy governor, will be responsible for controlling the whole securities industry on a self-regulatory basis.

Representatives of nine City organizations concerned with the security markets and the Confederation of British Industry went to the Bank yesterday and gave their agreement to the broad structural outlines for the Council, which had been proposed by Sir Jasper's committee.

Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England, is now in a position to make an official move on the question of the chairmanship, and it is believed he will ask Mr Neill—who is 51, Warden of All Souls College, Oxford, and the man who will succeed Lord Shawcross as chairman of the Press Council later this year—to take on the job.

The Bank wants to make its first public statement on the Council, setting out its structure and exact role, later this month. It plans to announce the name of the chairman at the same time.

It will be a part-time appointment but one of crucial importance to the financial community, which is staking a great deal on trying to ensure that this ambitious self-regulatory venture succeeds. Mr Neill would seem to be ideal for the job—an eminent legal figure from outside the City, and an expert in corporate law.

It is also understood that the deputy chairman would be one of three lay members proposed for the 19-strong body, the idea being that the top jobs be held by people whose impartiality is beyond question and who could take expert advice from representatives of the various interested parties on the Council.

The Bank was apparently "encouraged" by the response to proposals for the Council at yesterday's meeting, but further consultations will have to take place on various issues, notably how the Council is to be financed and what form and size secretariat it should have.

There appear to be two options for financing the Council—imposing a levy on share transactions (something that would meet resistance in that it would add further to the cost of investment) or by contributions from the various City bodies involved.

If all the outstanding issues can be resolved by the end of the month as planned, it is possible that the Council would start work as early as June.



Mr Patrick Neill

Japan's UK car sales tapering off

By Edward Townsend

Japanese car sales in the first two months of the year totalled 37,485, more than double the figure for the same period of 1977, and increased their market share from 7.6 to almost 13 per cent.

The figures, coming just a day after the announcement that the Japanese government had for the first time stepped in to limit car exports to the United Kingdom, show that in February Japanese car registrations were 17,598 and captured 12.8 per cent of a market that was 7.4 per cent up on a year earlier.

There are signs, however, that the controversial Japanese share is declining. It is believed that in the first week of March, Japanese cars accounted for 10.4 per cent of sales and for the whole month the penetration could remain under 11 per cent.

Importers and dealers of Japanese cars yesterday were fiercely critical of the pressure imposed on the Tokyo government by the United Kingdom. It is felt that total Japanese car sales this year would have accounted for about 10 per cent of the market without any restrictions because of supply constraints.

Total car sales in the first two months were 289,676, a rise of 19.7 per cent on a year earlier, with imports capturing 48.9 per cent.

If the upward trend is continued, the 1978 car market could total as much as 1.6 million against the 1.45 million forecast by the industry at the start of the year. This would enable the Japanese to raise sales from last year's 140,000 to 160,000 and not breach the 10 per cent "maximum" penetration.

Today's figures, issued by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, reveal that British Leyland won a more respectable 24.9 per cent of sales last month (27.7 per cent in February, 1977) but Ford retained the overall leadership with sales of 36,598 (26.7 per cent).

£6m Saga Holidays group is first on new issues market this year

By Ray Maughan

Saga Holidays is the first new issue of 1978 with an offer for sale which will value the tour operator at more than £6m.

County Bank has completed the underwriting of 2.1 million 20p ordinary shares at 105p per share and the application lists will open on Thursday, March 16.

Saga is involved in off-season inclusive holidays for those who have reached retirement age, and was founded 25 years ago by Mr Sidney de Haan as he sought bookings for his Folkestone hotel.

The group bypasses the conventional travel agency connexions, and maintains contacts with 30,000 clubs in the United Kingdom, either social or those run by companies for their pensioners.

The core of the business, however, is the Saga Club itself which boasts 430,000 members. Two-thirds of Saga's customers each year have been away with the group before.

The formula appears to work, for profits before tax over the past two years have climbed from £342,000 to £1.35m, while turnover has advanced from £4.3m to £13.1m.

A significant part of profits derives from investment income as a reflection of the group's conservative funding policy. Saga finds that the majority of its customers tend to book their holidays early, which enables the group to plot its working capital requirement as the financial period begins.

A proportion of reserves built up over the years is set aside to finance the expected level of trading, but the bulk is kept on deposit with local authorities. In this manner, Mr de Haan believes, the group cannot overstretch itself.

The first offer for sale since South Crofty last October and the first small, family held company to come to the market since William Leech floated in July 1976, the issue will be handled by brokers L. Messel.

Swan Hunter ancillary workers settle for 8.5 pc

By Donald Macintyre

More than 3,000 ancillary workers at Swan Hunter have yielded to the Government's hardened application of pay guidelines in shipbuilding by accepting an 8.5 per cent pay offer.

The deal is a boost for ministerial hopes that the third of the British Shipbuilders' labour force still to settle can be persuaded to do so as comfortably within wages policy.

With settlements at Govan of 10 per cent and Yarrow (9.9 per cent, plus a "fair wages" award) the Swan ancillary workers, who also received a Central Arbitration Committee award earlier this year, are the biggest manual group in the industry so far to have settled appreciably below 10 per cent.

Swan Hunter yesterday welcomed the deal. But the 1,700 outfitting tradesmen have so far resisted a similar offer, and the 3,500 boilermakers, who are not due to settle until June, have yet to open negotiations.

The group is heartened that leaders of the ancillary workers, mainly members of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, made a point in accepting the offer that they wanted to ensure future stability at the yards.

British Shipbuilders acknowledge, however, that the skilled and semi-skilled workers who have agreed the deal could become restive if Swan or the Government give in to the other groups, and grant a higher settlement.

An eight-man committee of shop stewards from all four manual workers' negotiating sections is meanwhile trying to thrash out some agreement on uniform bargaining designed to end leapfrogging pay claims.

Mr Norman Gilchrist, the industrial relations director of Swan Hunter, said yesterday he had been "very encouraged" by the two months' talks which came directly after the row over the loss of Swan's share of the Polish order.

Mr John Chalmers, the general secretary of the Boilermakers' Union, said after yesterday's 450-strong delegate conference of shipbuilding unions that the Swan Hunter talks were going "reasonably well", though not as fast as he had hoped.

The conference itself, called by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions in Newcastle, came out vigorously against any compulsory redundancies.

Guardian Royal favours Nube

By Chirstopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

Mr Clive Jenkins looks likely to lose a battle to prevent the National Union of Bank Employees making an important takeover of 5,800 Guardian Royal Exchange staff.

Mr Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS) regards insurance as his territory and resents Nube's involvement.

The Guardian Royal Exchange staff union executive has agreed transfer of engagements proposals with Nube, and a membership ballot is planned in mid-April. If the union moves to Nube, a separate insurance section will be set up. At present Nube's insurance membership is extremely small. The TUC disputes committee failed to resolve the issue.

It recommended a comprehensive "spheres of influence" agreement in banking and insurance but said that if Nube and ASTMS could not reach agreement by December 5 last year it would not stand in the way of the proposed merger.

Eighty local officials of the GRE staff union met yesterday to consider the implications of the transfer of engagements.

Seamen win battle for the Olympic Glory

Management of the Onassis shipping group found themselves in a tricky situation after a lunch time meeting yesterday on board one of the group's ships on Teesside.

For the past nine days the tanker, Olympic Glory, has been boycotted by members of the National Union of Seamen and the Transport and General Workers' Union, both of whom are affiliated to the International Transport Workers Federation.

The Onassis tanker docked at the Phillips refinery early last week and the boycott has been in operation ever since. At the heart of the dispute was the policy of the ITF to persuade owners of fleets registered under flags of convenience to transfer those ships to the "flag of beneficial ownership".

The 77,847 tons deadweight tanker, built in Japan, has been flying the Liberian flag for fourteen years, and according to ITF sources, the whole Onassis fleet flies Liberian and other flags of convenience. The fleet of more than 50 ships, amounting to nearly 5 million tons deadweight, is managed through a host of companies registered in Liberia.

Olympic Glory's crew is made up of Honduran and Filipino members and Greek officers, who are paid rates according to a Greek shipping agreement. It appears that low wages and conditions were secondary to the issue of the flag of registration.

However, after over a week of negotiations, union officials from the NUS and officials of the company and Greek shipping authorities yesterday confirmed the formal transfer of the Olympic Glory from Liberian registration to the Greek.

The necessary documents were flown to Britain yesterday and the ship was due to sail from Middlesbrough last night flying her new colours.

An official of the London-based ITF said last night: "We believe that this is the first time that the Onassis group has had a Greek registered ship. This is something of a victory for the organization where union action has led to a substantial owner of tonnage agreeing to switch the flag of his vessel to that of beneficial ownership."

Last night an official of the Onassis organization in Monte Carlo was asked whether the company now planned to switch its other ships to the Greek flag: "This is a matter which our policy makers will have to decide", he said.

The ITF said that it would "wait and see" what action, if any, was taken by the shipping group on its other ships. If the company fails to bring about a change, the ITF's affiliated unions may well decide to impose further boycotts at ports around the world.

The decision to switch the flag of the ship appears to be cheaper than matching the minimum standard wages for crew laid down by the ITF.

Peter Hill

Mr Healey sees danger of 'overkill' on pay clauses

By Malcolm Brown

Mr Healey told business leaders yesterday that he recognized that there was a degree of overkill in the pay pledge clauses now being inserted in government contracts.

He told a delegation, led by Mr Tom Boardman, president of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce that some surgery might be required to make the clauses more workable.

The Chancellor promised to convey the fears of the chambers to his ministerial colleagues. Several ministers including Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, are expected to meet a delegation from the Confederation of British Industry tonight for what may well be the final round of discussions on the controversial new clauses.

Members of the team which saw Mr Healey came away with the impression that the Government might well be ready to do something about the way in which the clauses make contractors responsible for all their sub-contractors in pay matters. But there was little hope that the powers given by the clauses to Mr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, would be cut down in any significant way.

The CBI and ABCC want some form of appeals procedure against such verdicts.

15 pc Woolworth profit advance on sales boost

Profits from F. W. Woolworth have stepped up from a 10-year plateau and climbed by over 15 per cent in the year ended January 31 to £46.78m. Sales for the year expanded by £67m to £767.9m.

The upturn in the fourth quarter was most marked. Christmas and New Year trading pushed pre-tax profits ahead by 47 per cent to £26.1m. Sales during the November to January period expanded by only 14 per cent but the improvement was sufficient to trigger Woolworth's high operational gearing.

Despite the recent buoyancy, Mr Stephen Owen, chairman, warns shareholders that "future results will depend partly on increased consumer spending which will be influenced by governmental measures to reflate the economy and partly as a result of the company's continuing drive for greater efficency and profitability". The shares added 6p yesterday to 68½p.

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How the markets moved

The Times index: 190.42+2.38
The FT index: 446.7+2.6

Rises

A Bell	10p to 214p	Lake & Elliot	3p to 51p
Boots	5p to 196p	Mackinnon (Sct)	3½p to 32½p
Dufay	3p to 37p	Metal Box	8p to 298p
Ford M	2p to 31p	Mount Lyall	3p to 17p
GEC	5p to 250p	Saville Gdn	2p to 19½p
Harmony	8p to 388p	Trust H Forte	8p to 178p
Highams	3p to 49p	Woolworth	6p to 68½p

Falls

Allen H & Ross	5p to 480p	Milbury	2p to 75p
Finsider	1½p to 7p	Oil Explor	14p to 172p
Hamersley	5p to 1..p	Steetley	6p to 168p
Jourdan T	2p to 31p	Stocks J	5p to 150p
King & Sharson	2p to 60p	Strong & Fisher	3p to 65p
Ldn & Eur Grp	1p to 14p	Tavener R'tige	2p to 102p
McLeod Russel	7p to 196p	Yule Catto	3p to 80p

Equities rose again.
Gilt-edged securities were firm.
Dollar premium 85 per cent (effective rate 37.32 per cent).
Sterling closed at 1.9340. The effective exchange rate index was at 65.1.
Gold rose $3.8 an ounce to $190.25.
SDR-$ was 1.23263 on Wednesday, while SDR-£ was 0.636163.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1380.9 (previous 1384.1).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.76	1.70
Austria Sch	29.50	27.50
Belgium Fr	63.50	60.00
Canada $	2.23	2.16
Denmark Kr	11.18	10.68
Finland Mkk	8.35	8.00
France Fr	9.55	9.15
Germany Dm	4.09	3.87
Greece Dr	71.50	67.50
Hongkong $	9.20	8.75
Italy Lr	1695.00	1610.00
Japan Yen	480.00	455.00
Netherlands Gld	4.36	4.13
Norway Kr	10.63	10.18
Portugal Esc	79.00	75.00
S Africa Rd	2.00	1.86
Spain Pes	160.00	153.00
Sweden Kr	9.18	8.78
Switzerland Fr	3.83	3.61
US $	1.99	1.93
Yugoslavia Dnr	37.50	35.50

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Silentbloc fails to fulfil promise

By Our Financial Staff

BTR has been badly disappointed by the results of its acquisition, Andre Silentbloc, the rubber products group it took over last year.

After announcing half-year profits of £527,000, Silentbloc contributed only £400,000 on an annualized basis for the year to the end of 1977.

BTR directors, headed by Sir David Nicolson, say the results were "surprisingly inadequate particularly in view of the half-year profit and accompaning favourable comments put forward at the time of the BTR bid".

BTR group profits increased 20 per cent to £29m in 1977.

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RENTOKIL GROUP
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Preliminary Announcement

	1977	1976
Group turnover	£50,834,000	£46,829,000
Group profit before tax	£8,546,000	£7,164,000
Group profit after tax	£4,172,000	£3,528,000
Earnings per share	4·41p	3·73p
Dividends		
Interim paid November 1977 (6·3% with tax credit of 3·245%)	9·545%	8·688%
Final proposed payable 29th April 1978 (9·81% with tax credit of 5·054%)	14·864%	13·132%
	24·409%	21·820%

These figures exclude exchange differences of £778,000, debits (1976: £1,126,000, credits) on translation into sterling of overseas net assets.

Share register struck for dividend 4th April, report and accounts to shareholders 7th April, annual general meeting 28th April at Felcourt, East Grinstead, West Sussex.

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TUC press policy of 'go for growth'

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Trade union leaders are pressing the Government to "go for growth" in talks with ministers designed to curb imports and win a better share of world trade for the United Kingdom.

The TUC Economic Committee is to meet Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry and Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, to drive home its arguments for concerted efforts by and between nations to plan the growth of world trade. At the same time, the unions will insist on import penetration ceilings to stop foreign goods swamping weak sectors of British industry.

Taking as their cue the second chapter of the 1978 *Economic Review* already sent on to the Chancellor, the TUC will propose to the Government a new, tripartite International Investment Review Agency with powers to oversee outward and inward flow of capital.

United Kingdom multination will be able to invest overseas only if it can be proved that this is not at the expense of jobs at home, if the unions have their way.

The ministerial move was decided upon at a meeting of the economic committee yesterday, at which union leaders discussed ways of convincing Whitehall of the need to get international agreement on how countries should agree voluntarily on their share of product markets.

Mr David Lea, TUC assistant general secretary, said the unions did not want countries to adopt "beggar my neighbour" policies of economic expansion; growth had to be internationally negotiated.

But the United Kingdom should be free to set import penetration ceilings in some manufactured goods, although bilateral voluntary measures such as the agreement to limit Japanese car imports were preferable.

Birds Eye dismissal of 1,200 raises political row on Merseyside

By R. W. Shakespeare

A big political row is developing over the decision by Birds Eye Foods, the frozen foods company, to dismiss 1,200 workers from its Merseyside factory after a 14-week strike by *maintenance engineers.*

The dismissals have been announced at the company's factory at Kirkby, Liverpool, an area where unemployment is already running at about 20 per cent within the context of 10.5 pe rcent jobless on Merseyside generally.

Birds Eye has taken a tough line with its labour force, the company claiming that workers have broken thei rcontracts of employment by refusing to cross picket lines set up by about 100 engineers who are on strike.

This adds a new abrasive element to the political storm which is already building up over Leyland's ending of car assembly operations at Speke, Liverpool, with the loss of another 3,000 jobs.

Some Merseyside Labour MPs are already demanding that the Government should immediately withhold from the food company all forms of grant and other financial aids normally paid to concerns in the Merseyside Special Development Area.

At the centre of the controversy will be Mr Booth, Secretary of State of Employment, and Mr Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry, who only this week launched a campaign to promote a new industrial strategy for the north-west region.

He said it would have to be based on cooperation between companies, the unions and local authorities, since the Government could offer no "grandiose plan" for curing the region's economic ills.

Birds Eye has denied that its decision to dismiss the 1,200 workers without redundancy pay implies a permanent closure of the Merseyside factory. Management and administrative staff have not been dismissed.

The 14-week strike by the engineers is in support of a pay claim. The management invited all other production workers to continue working and said that the jobs normally done by the engineers would be carried out by supervisors.

However, the Transport and General Workers' Union would not allow its members to cross the engineers' picket lines on those terms.

Earlier this week the company indicated that even if the engineers' dispute was settled a reopening of the factory would have to be based on acceptance of a plan involving some 500 redundancies, and improved efficiency.

Meanwhile two other major strikes on Merseyside are still in progres. At Huyton, the Plessey Communications Systems factory is closed with more than 500 workers on strike.

At Ellesmere Port, the Bowater Paper Mill is at a standstill with 700 production workers laid off because of a strike by 60 members of the print union, Sogat.



Mr Benn: "maximum managerial responsibility."

Energy aims outlined by Mr Benn

By Roger Vielvoye

Mr Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy, yesterday outlined his philosophy for broadening the duties of the nationalized energy industries in the 1980s in the wake of Liberal criticisms that he s trying to over-centralize the electricity industry.

The Liberals see the Government's proposed legislation to reorganize the industry as an opportunity for more decentralization, giving the regional boards greater autnonomy. They feel, however, the Electricity Bill promised in the Queen's Speech will overcentralize the industry and retain Mr Benn's patronage in the industry.

Without Liberal support the Bill cannot succeed, and there is no sign that either side is prepared to compromise on Mr Benn's proposals.

Although he made no direct reference to the controversey over the Electricity Bill, Mr Benn said during a speech at a conference in London that the time had come for a serious reassessment of the objectives which nationalized industries should pursue to "maximise their contribution" to the development of Britain's resources and the national interest.

He included a list of eight points, one of which said it was the duty of the state industries to devolve to operating units "the maximum managerial responsibility that is consistent with the proper discharge of their functions".

Other points included providing energy as economically as possible; cooperating with national energy policy; promoting industrial democracy; preserving the productive capacity of their main suppliers; undertaking research into new technologies; disclosing more information.

UK in European team for world tour selling airliners

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

An Anglo-French-West German aircraft manufacturing industry sales team is to start a world tour shortly to try to sell a new generaion of European airliners.

The team is being established from British Aerospace, the French company Aerospatiale, and the two German companies MBB and VFW-Fokker, under a memorandum of understanding which was recently signed between the three.

An announcement from British Aerospace yesterday said: "*The major European manufacturers intend to demonstrate* to the airlines their resolution to work ogeher, and to respond jointly to airline needs in a way which will engender long-term confidence."

The "family" of Euro-airliners which the team will be describing to airlines consists of current versions of the A300 European airbus, a proposed smaller version with 200 seats coded the B10, and two versions of a proposed new medium-range airliner, the Eurojet, with 130 and 160 seats.

Their brief will not, however, include promotion of the HS146, a British design for a 70 to 100-seater shorthaul airliner which this country is now seriously cousidering making in collaboration with the aircraft industries of Italy and Sweden.

The fact that they are forming a joint sales team does not, however, mean that Britain, France and West Germany are *really any closer towards completing* an accord on the family of Euro-airliners which France in particular wants to see started.

There is increasing dissatisfaction within the British industry at the time it is taking to reach decisions, and Britain might decide to build a new airliner with the United States.

NCB chief's plea for fiscal flexibility

The National Coal Board has tried unsuccessfully to persuade the Treasury to make equity capital investments in the coal industry and to pursue a more flexible policy on finance from the National Loans Fund, Sir Derek Ezra, the NCB chairman, told the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries

Last year interest payments cost the NCB £80m and the figure would grow in this financial year. There were options for minimizing the burden of interest payments provided the Treasury would adopt a more flexible approach, he said.

Mining was a risk business and equity capital would enable the Government to share in these risks during difficult times and reap the benefits when conditions for the industry improved.

Call for parity in shipyard compensation

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

Conservativts in the House of Lords will table an amendment today to the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill in an effort to ensure that the compensation provisions are applied to companies in the private sector of the industry.

Companies which remain outside the state sector of the United Kingdom shipbuilding industry have been arguing that the Bill in its present form discriminates against them if, because of the poor world market, one of the independent companies is forced to close.

Companies in the public sector and those subsidiaries which are deemed to qualify would, when the legislation was enacted, be entitled to redundancy payments for their workers well *in excess of the present statu*tory maximum.

Under the terms of the Bill, workers leaving the industry in the public sector could receive stverance payments of up to *£10,400 related to age and* length of service in the industry.

But the independent companies have been encouraged by a statement by Lord McCluskey, speaking for the Department of Industry during the second reading of the Bill.

He said there was a serious point to be made about the Bill in its treatment of those workers in the public and those in the private sector of the industry—"I acknowledge there is discrimination".

In its present form the Bill *provides for the Government to* introduce schemes for British Shipbuilders and Harland & Wolff, the Belfast shipbuilding and engineering company. The aim of the Opposition amendment will be to extend that provision to other companies which fulfil the relevant conditions.

Peace assurance: Workers at the Wearside shipbuilding group of Sunderland Shipbuilders have signed a pact with the management designed to assure customers of industrial peace

Its three yards on the Wear employ about 4,000 workers. The company is hoping to secure six cargo liners from the Shipping Corporation of India.

Peachey report delayed

The interim report by the Department of Trade into the late Sir Eric Miller's conduct as chairman and managing director of Peachey Property Corporation has been delayed by the illness of Mr D. S. Samwell, one of the inspectors, and *will not be published just* after Easter as originally expected.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

The following are the figures for the balance of payments released by the Treasury yesterday (all figures in £m)

	1975	1976	1977	1976 Q4	1977 Q3	Q4
				Seasonally adjusted		
Visible trade	−3,205	−3,510	−1,612	−961	+54	+45
Invisibles	+1,591	+2,403	+1,577	+623	+429	+306
Current balance	−1,614	−1,107	−35	−338	+483	+351
				Not seasonally adjusted		
Current balance	−1,614	−1,107	−35	−341	+455	+376
Investment and other capital flows	+203	−2,806	+4,802	+83	+1,144	+1,427
Balancing item	−54	+285	+2,596	+125	+1,011	+129
Balance for official financing*	−1,465	−3,628	+7,363	−133	+2,610	+1,932
Official financing						
Net transactions with:						
IMF	—	+1,108	+1,113	—	+214	—
Other monetary authorities	—	+1,018	+1,113	—	+214	—
Foreign currency borrowings:						
by HM Government	+423	—	+871	—	+287	—
by public sector under exchange cover scheme	+387	+1,791	+241	+441	+116	+74
Reserve change (+=loss)	+655	+853	−9,588	+516	−3,227	−2,006

*The Government has replaced the concept of "net currency flow" by "balance for official financing". The main change involved in this change is the transference of "public sector borrowing under the exchange cover scheme" from above the financing line to below it. The item is now conceived as a financing component. Previously it appeared under the headings "overseas investment in the nited Kingdom public sector" and "overseas currency borrowing by United Kingdom banks".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Danger of tinkering with house market

From Mr P. R. Amphlett

Sir, Your correspondent in her article on March 2 is quite correct in asserting that there is anger over the rationing of mortgages, particularly among professionals such as myself who are close to the market, being an estate agent in a provincial practice. She can rest assured, however, that there is no difficulty in distinguishing in this case between a genuine trend and an attempt to "talk the market up". The market is genuinely extremely buoyant and there is no doubt that this is mainly due to an imbalance between supply and demand caused by a shortage of mortgage funds over the past three years, which has caused many private developers to curtail their building programmes.

Unfortunately the effect of government tinkering with market forces affecting house purchase will have exactly the same effect as their efforts in respect of an incomes policy, that is, to suppress a genuine demand which will initially force prospective purchasers to look elsewhere for funds, ie, secondary banks and insurance companies, and thus beat the system and will finally result in an entirely unacceptable explosion of prices when the dam is eventually broken.

If this Government genuinely believes in home ownership then it must not be tempted to interfere with the market forces which provide the necessary finance in a free economy.

Yours faithfully,
P. R. AMPHLETT,
The Tudor House,
Bromsgrove,
Worcestershire,
March 3.

Service given by banks and building societies

From Mr C. L. Fox

Sir, I see that the clearing banks are asking the Government to curb the service given by *building societies to their* depositors. I suggest with respect that the banks should first have looked at the service they themselves give to their customers.

For example, with Bank Rate at say 7 per cent, let us suppose an old and valued client borrows £10,000 for a month having just deposited securities worth £20,000. He will be charged 9 per cent pa plus a "commitment fee" of £20. Total—£95. (The commitment fee is for "assessing the proposition", correspondence, and the like. If he later lends the bank the same amount for a similar period he will be paid at the rate of 5 per cent pa. Total—£41,66. By any standards, the bank's profit is a handsome one.

Another point: building societies, in my experience, know the importance of their "image" at the point of contact with customers. One's reception is friendly, courteous, and cheerful. Years ago it used to be the same in banks. Today, as one pushes a paying-in book under the grille, one *sometimes gets the impression* that the solitary young person womanning the barricade, and the hosts of clerks beavering away behind her, are thinking that banking wouldn't be so bad were it not for these tiresome people continually *coming in to bring*, or take away, money.

Thirdly, as Barclays have discovered, building society offices are open on Saturdays.

Yours faithfully,
C. L. FOX,
Heatherbrow,
Finchampstead Ridges,
Wokingham,
Berkshire.
March 6.

Atomic Energy Authority charter flying

From Mr Rodney Fordham

Sir, Mr Sydney [illegible] feature article published in *Times* on Monday, Feb[illegible] gave a one sided [illegible] the Atomic Energy [illegible] charter aircraft flying [illegible] of the staff trade [illegible] Risley, whom I represent coloured rather differently a certain lack of reality the insurance cover afforded employees who travel by charter aircraft.

Firstly, because the charter is paid for out of funds, the authority have their intention to recover sums of money awarded compensation to victims or their dependents deduction from any ment under the superannuation scheme. It appears that authority have the right this whether or not compensation is actually claimed by the victims or their dependents.

Secondly, following a fatal crash of one of the craft operated by the air charter company, it has become clear that whole life endowment insurance taken out by the victims privately, the accident was invalid in some cases by the fact deaths had occurred as a result of commercial flying.

Over several years the efforts of the Risley staff unions to improve arrangements have met with success either locally or centrally. At the present we advise the members of staff trade unions not to authority chartered aircraft.

Yours truly,
RODNEY FORDHAM,
Chairman,
Staff Side,
Risley and Culcheth Whitley Committee,
UKAEA,
Risley,
Warrington,
Lancs.
February 22.

Cause for concern over industrial tribunals

From Mr Peter Wallington

Sir, Mr J. B. Capstick's article of March 1 provides a useful antidote to some of the more extreme attacks on unfair dismissal legislation.

His figure of the average unfair dismissal award in 1976 is about equivalent to what it would cost an employers to continue to employ someone on the then national average for less than seven weeks, and only 4,000 employees got that.

Another 10,000 got compensation by agreement, but the average figure for out-of-court settlements is much lower than the £525 quoted for tribunal awards.

These figures are a cause for concern in a sense rather different to that suggested by Mr Capstick.

The law of unfair dismissal has been interpreted and applied in such a way that if an employer establishes and uses a sensible procedure for deciding when to dismiss, his judgment of the merits of the case will be respected—often in my view too readily—and he is unlikely to lose.

Employees who are not represented at tribunals are increasingly at a disadvantage as the law becomes more technical and complex. And for those relatively few employees who win their case, the compensation rarely reflects anything like the true loss, partly because loss is so difficult to prove, and partly because of the widespread use by tribunals of reductions of awards for contributory fault.

In truth, the law has become (if it was ever anything else) a much more modest protection for workers and a much more limited intrusion on employers' rights than is generally assumed.

Mr Capstick's solution would make things even worse. Costs have been quite deliberately excluded from industrial tribunals because there is no alternative if they are to be genuinely accessible.

Lawyers know well that the system of payment into court in civil damages cases enables insurance companies to hold down the level of awards even in open-and-shut cases by paying in a few hundred pounds less than they estimate the damages would be. This is almost always accepted by plaintiffs afraid of penal costs if they gamble for the last few hundred pounds.

In industrial tribunals the position would be even more unsatisfactory. The primary award, if practicable, is reinstatement or reengagement, on which it is almost impossible to put a monetary value.

Although in practice these awards are rare, they are often asked for, and a of payment into court unworkable in these cases

At the other end of the it is always possible that bunal will award no compensation, or of course the employee will lose on merits.

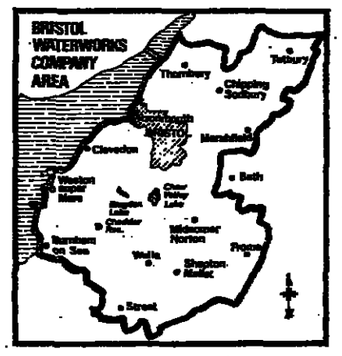
Unscrupulous employees would be quite free to employees into dropping by paying a few pounds court, since the employee face a sizable bill if he This would quite simply the remedy of unfair dismissal overnight.

Lastly, there is the question of enforcement. It is not enough for employers to force claims against employees. How many difficult in cases where employee may very well be out of work, and will no mood to pay the sum a penny if he can avoid.

Does Mr Capstick really to open the door for employers to bankrupt employees in pursuit of costs, for the sin of asked a tribunal to whether it was fair for to be thrown out of a job?

Yours faithfully,
PETER WALLINGTON,
Trinity Hall,
Cambridge.
March 3.

Bristol Waterworks Company



CONSUMERS BENEFIT FROM FINANCIAL WINDFALL

The improvement in the Company's financial position, which has been passed on to consumers by reduced charges for water, is commented upon by the Chairman of Bristol Waterworks Company, Mr. A. N. Irens, C.B.E., in his statement circulated with the Report & Accounts to be presented at the 132nd Annual General Meeting of stockholders on Monday, 3rd April, 1978.

He points out that the dramatic improvement in the financial position was due to two factors which could not have been foreseen in October 1976 when the budget for 1977 was being prepared:–

- The abnormally high rainfall which followed the 1976 drought and which enabled the Company to revert earlier than planned to the greater use of cheaper water from the Mendips;
- The big reduction in interest rates which saved the Company substantial amounts of interest payable on loans needed to finance its activities.

Financial results

The significant features of the year's accounts are:

- Gross revenue up by £2,359,000 (22%) to £12,932,000
- Operating expenditure up by £552,000 (8%) to £7,154,000
- Capital charges up by £295,000 (7%) to £4,402,000
- Total costs up by £847,000 (8%) to £11,556,000
- Balance carried forward up by £1,365,000 to £1,903,000
- Fixed Assets at 31st December 1977 amounted to £41,588,000.

Most of the larger-than-expected surplus has been used to reduce water rates and charges as a contribution to the national effort to bring down the cost of living.

- **As already announced, the water rate with effect from 1st January 1978 has been reduced from 12.5p to 11.4p in the £ and the charge to industrial consumers from 13.86p to 13.3p per cubic metre. Following the changing of the Company's charging year to coincide with the practice of the Regional Water Authorities and Local Government, these charges will continue for 12 months to 31st March 1979, but as from 1st April 1978 there will be a further reduction in the water rate for unmeasured supplies to 10.6p in the £ as the result of the Water Charges Equalisation Act 1977.**

Capital expenditure in 1977, £1.6 million, was below the average for recent years.

Rainfall near average

- Rainfall for the year was 95% of the long term standard average, but the Company gained considerable benefit from the greater flexibility arising from its continued policy of integrating as far as possible its major sources and distribution mains.
- Average daily consumption at 289,000 cubic metres still reflected the economies practised by consumers during the drought and was still affected by the absence of any upsurge in industrial activity.

The recreational facilities on the Company's reservoirs continued to be widely used. The number of trout caught (30,051 – average weight 1lb 12oz) was the second highest on record.

The Chairman again records his appreciation of efforts made by the staff in all departments to maintain the Company's objective of service to its consumers.

WATER Bristol Waterworks Company,
Bridgwater Road, Bristol BS99 7AU.

In brief

Japan's growth rate slowed to 5.1 pc last year

Tokyo, March 8.—Japan's gross national product rose 5.1 per cent in real terms during 1977, compared with an upward revised 6 per cent in 1976, the Economic Planning Agency said.

The agency said that the Japanese economy would need to achieve 2.1 per cent real growth in the current January to March quarter to reach the Government's downward revised 5.3 per cent growth target for fiscal 1977.

Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Prime Minister, said Japan must reduce its current account surplus to $6,000m (about £3,000m) in fiscal 1978.

Japanese imports could not be expected to rise sharply, but they would grow gradually at the same time, the Government would introduce further import-boosting measures.—Reuter.

Japanese car curb

Japanese car makers are voluntarily limiting their exports to France this year to below 3 per cent of the domestic market, according to industry sources. This decision, to be respected by all carmakers, follows the visit to Tokyo last December of a delegation of French manufacturers.

£10m capacitors plant for Londonderry

It was confirmed yesterday that a United States electronics components manufacturer is to establish a £10m plant at Coleraine in co Londonderry.

The AVX Corporation of Great Neck, New York, will start production of ceramic capacitors later this year in an 84,000 sq ft government factory vacated two years ago by G. B. Britton, shoemakers. Initially about 300 people will be employed, increasing to 600 over three years, and with scope for further expansion

Union Corporation Group

THE GROOTVLEI PROPRIETARY MINES LTD.
MARIEVALE CONSOLIDATED MINES LTD.

In the annual statements to shareholders of Grootvlei and Marievale, Mr. L. W. P. van den Bosch, the chairman, made the following points:

- Strong demand for gold from the industrial sector continued for the second successive year. All new supplies and that from the IMF were absorbed by the market.
- East Rand Gold and Uranium Company has been granted the right to remove and treat the companies' slimes dams.
- High labour turnover at Grootvlei has led to increased costs of recruiting and training.
- *Under present price and cost conditions it is estimated that Grootvlei will continue production* for approximately 2½ years.
- Since the year end the sale of 223 hectares of Marievale's surface rights, together with buildings, has been concluded.
- *Mining operations on the Main Reef at Marievale should be completed early in the second* quarter of 1978; on the Kimberley Reef by the end of the year. Indications are that at current gold prices profitable treatment of surface dumps can continue together with milling operations until approximately March 1980.

Results for the year ended 31st December, 1977 (compared with results for the previous year)

	Tons Milled '000	Gold Produced kg.	Net Profit R'000	Dividends/ Capital Repayments cents per share	Ore Reserves Main Reef tons '000	Main Reef value gms/ton	Kimberley Reef tons '000	Kimberley Reef value gms/ton
GROOTVLEI	1,495 (1,603)	6,578 (5,607)	3,895 (1,756)	24 (8)	100 (500)	4.7 (4.5)	1,400 (2,200)	5.1 (5.3)
MARIEVALE	1,076 (1,081)	3,443 (3,540)	2,153 (1,333)	46 (30)	150 (200)	6.9 (7.1)	250 (400)	5.5 (5.2)

Ore reserves calculated at a gold price of R4,200/kg. (US$150 per ounce) for 1977 (R3,500/kg. (US$125 per ounce) for 1976).

Copies of the full reports of the companies (each of which is incorporated in the Republic of South Africa) for the year ended 31st December, 1977 are available from the London Secretaries, Union Corporation (UK) Limited (Ref. G/M) 95 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7BS.

EDITOR

Atomic Authority charter...

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Hesitancy in the gilt market

...bulls of the long end of the gilt market ...erday saw the long "tap" just fail to ...h the kind of level—91½ plus, perhaps, ...e on top for accrued interest—at which ... assumed that the Government Broker ...be prepared to reactivate sales. So long ...e news background remains favourable ... today brings news of the central ...rnment borrowing requirement for ...uary) that level could now be reached ...day. The way in which "longs" failed ...old their full gains and the subdued ...rmance by "shorts" yesterday does, ...ver, suggest that many investors are ...very hesitant.

...ugh some analysts have been making ... of the resent PSBR trend and sug...ng that one can now expect a substan... shortfall next year on the most recent ...al estimate of £7,000m that may not ...sarily follow if lower than expected ...mic activity adversely affects the ...nment's revenue forecasts. In addi...it does not necessarily follow that the ...t Government campaign to lower ...et expectations will lead to the kind ...utious approach to monetary policy in ...79 that the market would ideally like.

...anwhile, there is considerable uncer... as to just how much more stock the ...rities are aiming to sell between now ...nid-April. If there is still a serious ...nination to come close to the 13 per ...ceiling for sterling M3 growth by mid... then it would seem that the authori...will need to sell rather more than the ... of the two outstanding "tap" stocks ... the other hand, the authorities are ...nly giving the appearance of not being ...happy about the way things stand at ...at. Conceivably, the weekly banking ...s they now receive are showing a ...d flow of gilt sales by the banking ... to the non-bank sector.

...awkward ...uisition

... acquisition of Silentbloc has not ... out to be the success it was expected ... Silentbloc made no official forecast ... the course of the contested bid, but ... that the record interim figures to ... last year of £527,000 reflected the ...uation of the group's soundly based ...

...BTR's hands Silentbloc's results have ... out rather differently than these ...nts suggested. Annualizing Silent... 15 months to the end of 1977, profits ... mere £400,000, implying a second ...ss.

...h of Silentbloc's management has ...ft and BTR is confident that any ...e trend has been reversed. But the ...rd question of the responsibility of ... to the comments made to share... during bids is not going to go ... away, and if only to make the cur...idelines entirely clear, the Take-over ...eeds to say something about it.

...ct BTR's own growth has been suffi...with a 20 per cent profits rise to ...fter £3.3m of adverse exchange fluc...s to minimize the Silentbloc dis...ment. Nevertheless its manage...learly feels it was led to expect a ...at outcome from its acquisition and ...ons of redress are small.

... strongest performance was in the ...as—up from £3.3m to £6.0m before ...ge differences—with Europe increas...n £14.5m to £20.1m. The company's ...is in its ability to gain sales volume ...ne per cent in the United Kingdom ...per cent in the United States—at a ...faster rate than the underlying ...of the economies.

...year—which has started well—it is ...cing for a strong performance from ... although the United States and the ... Kingdom should continue to grow. ...ied Polymer Group, whose acquisi...ok effect after the year end and ...have added an additional 1.8p to ...s of 33.4p without any provision for ...l tax. A p/e ratio of six hardly ...es BTR's growth status and a 6.6 ...t yield as a result of the 1977 rights ...articulary mean. ...he intended increase in authorized ...and plenty of balance-sheet strength must mean more acquisitions before long. Silentbloc is a warning that not all are immediately successful.

Woolworth
Growth at last

Remarkably good Christmas and new year trading did wonders for Woolworth's share price yesterday. What has long been one of the store sector's infamous "income stocks" gained 6p to 68½p on yesterday's news of a 15 per cent profits jump to £46.8m pre-tax last year and the first dividend increase for five years.

The profits improvement—it would have been 20 per cent but for a £2m reduction as a result of the new building depreciation policy—is entirely due to a substantial turnround in the crucial fourth quarter.

In this period profits leapt 47 per cent to £26.1m compared with a near 10 per cent decline in the first nine months of the year.

The fact that sales increased only 14 per cent in the final three months supports what Woolworth has been saying for years: its cost ratios are so highly geared that only a modest upturn in consumer spending can be translated into a huge improvement in profits.

That said, investors should be wary of reading too much into the fourth quarter; the sharp rise in consumer spending in December and to a lesser extent in January has not been maintained. Confidence in a prolonged consumer spending boom has all but evaporated.

Woolworth admits that the retail scene has been an extremely tough one in recent weeks, partly as a result of the weather, and that hopes now rest squarely on the April Budget.

Nevertheless, Woolworth has at last lifted itself clear of a 10-year profits plateau and the market at least is taking the 5.6 per cent dividend increase as the sign of better things to come. The yield is a solid 9.2 per cent though the dividend is only covered one-and-a-third times.

ICI
Spending in the recession

ICI's accounts do little to alleviate the gloom which descended on the group in the second half of last year. Sir Rowland Wright, the retiring chairman, says he sees the problems continuing for some time and the industry will therefore remain in surplus capacity.

Meanwhile, ICI is committed to a spending programme which will be well in excess of cash flow. Last year's retained earnings, depreciation and deferred tax totalling £422m were not too far short of capital expenditure of £491m, but this year's spending will be more like £700m (rising to perhaps £900m in 1979) and retained earnings at least will be down on 1977.

None of this should cause any embarrassment to ICI, which had £550m of liquid resources in its balance-sheet at the year-end, but working capital, which actually fell last year, will face further inflationary pressures, so it is hard to see the 1978 year-end balance-sheet looking quite as rock-solid as it does at the moment.

The fourth quarter of last year, when profits before exchange rate adjustments were down to £88m from £107m in the third, may not be quite the pointer it seems for the opening period of this year, however. The group debited some £15m against final quarter trading profits as provision against expected exchange rate losses relating to year-end debtors, an item which would otherwise have arisen in the present year. That amount was big enough to have made the difference between ICI falling in the middle of stock market forecasts for 1977 and coming—as it did—below even the most conservative estimates.

The going will nonetheless be hard, and until there are some more concrete signs of revival, which look unlikely in the first half, ICI's shares, yielding 7.4 per cent at 338p, cannot be expected to give much of a lead to the market. On an inflation adjusted basis the shares are selling at over 20 times earnings and the return on capital is a mere 5.6 per cent.

...ial tribunals

Group

Economic notebook

What went up may need to come down

Britai nhas high unemployment, the economy has been virtually stagnant for four years and at the first sign of growth (notwithstanding North Sea oil) there is an incipient balance of payments problem.

It seems that British goods are not competitive enough in world markets to allow a move to fuller employment without the risk of a trade deficit. On top of that, Britain's faster than average rate of inflation means that competitiveness is even now being eroded.

A Treasury paper published yesterday suggests that while a devaluation would help the balance of payments for a while its beneficial effect on competitiveness would, after a time, be completely eroded by faster inflation. Does this mean that the fall in the value of the pound which looks increasingly likely, and which is being urged on the Government by the International Monetary Fund among others, would do nothing to help British competitiveness?

Changes in the exchange rate affect both output and inflation—but in opposite ways. If the pound rises, imports are cheaper and inflation lower. However, the higher pound makes British goods less competitive, because the ycost more to foreigners, or less profitable, if manfacturers do not change their prices in foreign currency terms. Either of these effects, or a mixture of both, will tend to reduce output and employment in Britain.

Imports will at the same time look more attractive because they are cheaper and so will eat into the markets of home producers.

However, the above description suggests a trade-off between inflation and employment which many do not believe exists and which the Treasury paper suggests is, in the end, illusory.

The argument is that a gain in competitiveness won by a devaluation does not last. Wage earners resist the drop in living standards that they feel when the cheaper pound leads to dearer imports and demand higher wages, which eventually push up inflation by just enough to offset the initial devaluation, and vice versa for a revaluation.

Until the end of October last year the Government was doing its best to hold down the rising pound. It finally abandoned the attempt because the reserves it was piling up meanwhile threatened its money supply target.

There was no sign then, and there still isn't, that it was suddenly convinced of the futility of chasing extra competitiveness through a lower pound and many of its economic advisers were arguing strongly that to let the pound go up was to condemn the economy to slower growth.

The disagreement between them and the proponents of a higher exchange rate boils down to a difference over the time lags between an exchange rate change and its feed-through to prices, and what can be done during the time lag to gain more output and employment.

Although there are still some who believe that permanent changes in competitiveness can be won by a shift in the exchange rate, those who see it as a panacea for Britain's ills are a dwindling band.

Most would now agree with the Treasury's conclusion, as experience has shown that it is hard to improve competitiveness through a cut in real wages imposed by the exchange rate. This is a profoundly depressing conclusion for Britain. It implies that external balance can only be bought at the cost of internal imbalance—unemployed men and machines.

What can be done to improve this, if not a change in the exchange rate? The Treasury's long-term answer is incomes policy. If real wages in Britain are at a level which is uncompetitive then the market must be overruled. After a devaluation to achieve competitiveness, there should then be an incomes policy to stop the feed-through to wages.

Monetarists belieie that there is little or nothing that macro-economic policy can do to change the level of real wages or employment but that monetary policy can at least control inflation through its effects on the exchange rate.

The "alternative strategists" call for direct control of imports. External balance is imposed and policy can then be aimed at achieving internal balance and full employment.

However, it may be too soon to give up on the exchange rate. Evin the London Business School, which takes an international monetarist line, has agreed that it takes some time before internal prices adjust to rate changes. In that time, if the rate goes up, less is produced in Britain and fewer people have jobs, than would otherwise be the case.

The longer it takes for wagts to catch up the greater the benefit from increased output. In fact, the trade-off between this and inflation reappears.

It is often suggested, as in today's Treasury paper, that a competitive advantage can be won only through rate changes at the cost of accelerating inflation—the so-called vicious circle of depreciation and resulting cost inflation. However, this is misleading. A permanent and steady gain in competitiveness does indeed imply accelerating inflation, as yet more depreciation is needed to compensate for constant erosion of the earlier competitiveness. But the more modest aim of giving a price advantage for a time, which is then gradually eroded, does not imply ever faster inflation. It will, of course, lead to a higher price level, which is not the same thing.

A policy of successive, though not continuous, devaluations could be justified as a means of gaining successive boosts to competitiveness which, though never permanent, last long enough to improve employment and—possibly—to generate dynamic changes in the economy. The length of the lags in the Treasury model suggests that this could be bought by higher prices, but not necessarily spiralling inflation.

The counter-argument is that the response of wage earners to the loss of purchasing power with a devaluation will become quicker, and the lags shorter, until they do not give time for changes in export volumes before the initial advantage is completely eroded. Industry will not exploit export markets which they believe will be there, or profitable, only for a very short time.

Too little is known about the determination of wages and inflation to be sure about this. However, the balance of risks is now in favour of a lower pound. The danger to employment and growth prospects of a steady pound and faster than average inflation is greater thn the dnger from a depreciation which merely gains a short-term advantage with an eventually higher price level.

It is, however, extremely difficult to engineer a sterling fall that does not turn into a dive. At least this year the Government has a comfortable level of reserves to aid control. It is unlikely to face the opposite problem—of market resistance to a lower pound and thus pressure on the money supply—that forced it to change its policy last year.

Sterling no longer looks a one-way bet for the footloose funds which flooded in during 1977. If they did threaten money targets again the Government would do well to look at other means of reaching its money targets—for example, the "corset"—before giving up.

Caroline Atkinson

Can the rising fortunes of this luxury trade be maintained? Desmond Quigley reports

DIAMOND PRICES*
(US dollars)

Weight (carat)	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
1	5,424	6,736	8,596	11,540	12,570	20,100
1.25	6,983	8,673	11,498	14,425	15,713	27,000
1.50	9,322	11,577	15,698	21,870	22,575	38,850
1.75	12,593	13,406	20,145	28,945	28,945	48,650
2.00	22,062	27,401	31,395	43,440	44,490	63,200
2.25	25,565	31,751	38,851	48,319	51,086	73,575
2.50	28,957	35,964	46,719	59,100	61,575	90,500
2.75	32,762	40,691	57,989	70,428	73,838	105,600
3.00	48,362	60,065	69,518	77,700	80,550	122,400

*Top quality, flawless (at up to ten times magnification), grade D colour (Gemological Institute of America) round brilliant cut diamonds.
Source: Diamexpansion (UK) Limited.

Diamonds keep their sparkle

Diamonds are enjoying an extraordinary boom, mainly because of renewed fashion consciousness, but partly also because of increased investment interest and hoarding within the trade.

Last year, sales of rough, uncut diamonds by rthe Central Selling Organisation (CSO), the marketing arm of De Beers, reached $2,073m (about £1,072m), an increase of a third over the previous year and almost double the $1,066m seen at the depths of the recession for the industry in 1975.

No doubt this has been partly a reaction against the lifting of the storm clouds brought by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) price increases in 1973 and 1974 and the higher level of disposable income, particularly in the United States, the single most important market for diamonds.

Nonetheless, demand has been surprisingly strong for a luxury product, since the clamber out of recession has been slow and somewhat weak.

A large measure of the success of the diamond market must be laid at the door of the CSO, which has a near-world monopoly in the marketing of rough diamonds.

The CSO really came to prominence in the 1930s in the aftermath of the "great crash", which brought such havoc to the gem trade that there were several mine closures and a vicious price war.

Now the CSO handles not only the stones mined by its parent company, De Beers, but also those of most of the other world producers—Ghana being the notable exception.

CSO PRICE INCREASES
(per cent)

Sept 1949	25	(£ devaluation)
March 1951	15	(£ devaluation)
Sept 1952	2.5	—
Jan 1954	2	—
Jan 1955	2.5	—
Jan 1957	5.7	—
May 1960	2.5	—
March 1963	5	—
Feb 1964	10	—
Aug 1966	7.5	—
Dec 1967	15.86	(£ devaluation)
Sept 1968	2.5	—
July 1969	4	—
Nov 1971	5	(2% devaluation)
Jan 1972	5.4	($ devaluation)
Sept 1972	6	—
Feb 1973	11	($ devaluation)
March 1973	7	—
May 1973	10	(on certain large stones)
Aug 1973	10.2	—
Jan 1975	1.55	(overall)
Jan 1976	3	(overall)
Sept 1976	5.75	(overall)
March 1977-	15	—
November	17	—

Last year De Beers produced perhaps 11 million to 11½ million carats (there are 142 carats to an ounce) out of estimated world production of 48 million carats. Only about 20 per cent of output is of gem quality (the rest being low value industrial diamonds), but the CSO handles about 98 per cent of this.

Acting, as it were, as a single wholesaler, the CSO stockpiles diamonds in bad times to prevent a price war and then feeds them out in good times. Similarly, it never cuts prices and holds back from increasing them in recessionary periods in order not to further depress demand.

CENTRAL SELLING ORGANISATION SALES

	(US dollars m)
1971	624.8
1972	848.9
1973	1,332
1974	1,254
1975	1,066
1976	1,555
1977	2,073

But, as the table of CSO price increases show, it raises prices in good periods, although the movements of the last couple of years, reflecting the extraordinary strength of the market, have been bigger and more frequent than usual.

The rough gems are sold by the CSO at 10 "sights" (sales) a year in London, Johannesburg and Lucerne. London holds the most important sights.

The CSO sells "boxes" (packets) of diamonds to about 300 clients, who have little control of the make up of the box (there are over 2,200 categories of diamonds). The clients then either polish the gems or sll them.

In times of scarcity, these boxes are sometimes sold straight from the sight at large premiums.

Polished gems then pass onto wholesalers (the jewelry trade is characterized by middle men) before reaching jewelry manufacturers and wholesalers and eventually the high street.

Such are the levels of mark-up in the diamond industry that by the time a diamond has reached the retail outlet the cost will have risen at least four-fold on the CSO price in normal times (ordinary retailers traditionally have a 100 per cent mark-up).

However, when demand is exceptionally strong and stones go to high premiums straight from the CSO, as is the case at present, the cost in the jewelry outlet will be correspondingly higher.

But apart from acting as principal wholesaler, De Beers also operates a sophisticated advertising campaign both on its own behalf and in association with leading trade members.

It also identifies potential new markets. For example, where diamond engagement rings have not formed part of a country's tradition, then De Beers has sought to spread the message—for example only 28 per cent of German brides received a diamond engagement ring in 1975 compared with 66 per cent in the United Kingdom, according to De Bters.

There has also been an increase in investment in diamonds, since the value by weight makes it possible to transport the equivalent of large sums of money very easily. De Beers frowns upon this kind of diamond buying—mainly because it does not want large numbers of potentially "loose" stones suddenly flooding the market.

Paradoxically, it is the very stability that De Beers has brought to the marketing of diamonds that has increased the attraction of this kind of investment.

However, with more than 2,200 categories of gems, not all diamonds are suitable as an investment as opposed to a piece of jewelry. Even the investment categories do not movt uniformly.

For example, the table of Diamexpansion (UK) prices shows that over the last five years a 1½ carat stone has more than quadrupled in price whereas a thrte carat stone of the same classification has only appreciated 2½ times.

The United States economy, as ever, remains the key indicator to jewelry sales. De Beers warned this wetk that trade hoarding was pushing prices to unjustifiable levels.

But whatever the ups and downs of world economic activity, diamonds are unlikely to go out of fashion, having had Marilyn Monroe as the supreme publicist.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION
To the Holders of

Queensland Alumina Finance N.V.

9% Collateral Trust Bonds Due 1982

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of the Queensland Alumina Finance N.V. Collateral Trust Indenture dated as of April 1, 1970, U.S. $1,000,000, principal amount of the above described Bonds have been selected for redemption on April 1, 1978, in lieu of a redemption for the purpose of the Sinking Fund, at the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to said date, as follows:

BONDS OF U.S. $1,000 EACH

M- 64	1222	2462	3533	4498	5789	6966	8971	9301	10565	11682	12700	13813	15360	16547	17804	18907
99	1266	2525	3549	4547	5796	6376	8073	9325	10566	11696	12703	13880	15375	16551	17820	18924
101	1281	2546	3653	4557	5811	6997	8076	9375	10577	11696	12739	13937	15401	16556	17825	18948
109	1294	2548	3561	4561	5826	7043	8106	9378	10581	11699	12755	13960	15410	16641	17834	18957
143	1296	2558	3584	4578	5851	7081	8154	9396	10602	11730	12757	13976	15454	16647	17872	18972
144	1333	2604	3614	4626	5876	7093	8160	9411	10610	11738	12767	14052	15493	16675	17882	18973
167	1388	2616	3625	4654	5892	7121	8161	9416	10625	11775	12772	14093	15494	16679	17898	19004
199	1403	2622	3635	4656	5905	7129	8198	9468	10664	11790	12779	14096	15500	16681	17938	19028
241	1406	2644	3647	4659	5919	7134	8225	9473	10690	11800	12794	14105	15516	16723	17949	19032
261	1431	2665	3659	4664	5932	7147	8232	9495	10698	11811	12805	14140	15519	16739	17983	19034
269	1443	2668	3669	4669	5976	7157	8277	9497	10699	11831	12812	14156	15538	16794	17987	19106
277	1498	2670	3714	4701	5978	7166	8293	9503	10709	11832	12816	14160	15564	16821	18037	19110
306	1500	2703	3720	4741	6046	7217	8297	9550	10752	11853	12821	14168	15597	16824	18048	19142
364	1504	2712	3738	4770	6081	7229	8313	9562	10789	11856	12830	14253	15607	16840	18050	19143
368	1526	2752	3754	4782	6087	7254	8315	9567	10794	11869	12875	14266	15648	16860	18095	19178
371	1530	2780	3775	4789	6119	7259	8324	9580	10826	11876	12885	14295	15681	16866	18103	19179
382	1561	2784	3781	4791	6152	7277	8333	9641	10843	11898	12903	14309	15691	16883	18126	19200
407	1562	2799	3782	4801	6163	7278	8369	9651	10849	11941	12921	14322	15703	16886	18134	19240
412	1576	2807	3787	4813	6167	7279	8394	9666	10873	11986	12949	14354	15705	16909	18163	19275
444	1594	2810	3793	4832	6206	7287	8399	9678	10878	12012	12957	14396	15718	16930	18171	19291
466	1634	2819	3807	4846	6222	7304	8421	9709	10891	12018	12959	14401	15750	16959	18221	19306
491	1678	2863	3821	4864	6225	7312	8434	9716	10914	12023	12986	14404	15758	17006	18223	19310
527	1684	2928	3838	4918	6249	7369	8440	9747	10930	12034	13009	14442	15771	17031	18256	19316
533	1704	2939	3850	4947	6292	7377	8456	9772	10942	12037	13021	14484	15806	17043	18280	19317
565	1706	2948	3852	4957	6315	7400	8528	9803	10963	12041	13025	14486	15819	17066	18298	19334
573	1757	2963	3884	4965	6332	7403	8555	9811	10984	12069	13055	14591	15839	17077	18306	19343
593	1771	2978	3891	5004	6347	7435	8556	9821	10999	12092	13072	14599	15862	17123	18314	19387
611	1777	2986	3928	5013	6388	7482	8566	9834	11003	12106	13073	14642	15863	17150	18315	19401
662	1778	3014	3936	5061	6419	7522	8572	9864	11005	12115	13095	14660	15879	17180	18398	19415
670	1795	3048	3946	5070	6437	7524	8584	9889	11081	12116	13113	14678	15898	17219	18403	19434
676	1827	3067	3983	5072	6444	7548	8617	9915	11089	12125	13121	14681	15930	17230	18412	19474
708	1845	3068	3985	5088	6448	7560	8625	9918	11105	12158	13153	14713	15945	17237	18433	19490
709	1860	3074	4008	5098	6456	7561	8643	9961	11152	12174	13156	14726	15947	17240	18434	19507
724	1892	3111	4015	5136	6461	7589	8692	9986	11153	12192	13197	14735	15956	17266	18454	19539
727	1894	3135	4043	5129	6468	7613	8713	10002	11182	12221	13239	14756	15998	17272	18523	19569
736	1907	3151	4099	5165	6494	7629	8738	10018	11193	12240	13253	14759	16029	17298	18524	19588
758	1939	3158	4117	5208	6518	7637	8758	10040	11195	12243	13261	14770	16030	17303	18548	19611
803	1960	3186	4128	5225	6529	7672	8785	10050	11203	12250	13269	14864	16058	17306	18552	19671
848	1993	3198	4138	5226	6534	7678	8838	10065	11271	12276	13329	14870	16104	17395	18556	19672
860	2026	3199	4143	5273	6591	7701	8843	10100	11276	12281	13330	14889	16144	17419	18572	19693
870	2029	3202	4166	5281	6617	7709	8849	10120	11281	12310	13383	14901	16154	17428	18592	19695
909	2061	3208	4179	5370	6646	7744	8872	10121	11297	12311	13430	14903	16178	17444	18619	19729
928	2100	3212	4184	5374	6669	7768	8944	10160	11311	12315	13455	14925	16180	17446	18650	19734
956	2107	3263	4185	5386	6680	7796	8954	10196	11319	12328	13477	14947	16183	17476	18656	19746
992	2110	3270	4211	5394	6694	7800	8970	10224	11335	12362	13550	14983	16208	17481	18682	19807
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1010	2186	3307	4260	5454	6749	7882	9036	10285	11424	12468	13592	15062	16241	17567	18709	19823
1026	2190	3323	4283	5490	6767	7888	9045	10317	11426	12467	13594	15078	16248	17572	18718	19866
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1087	2251	3352	4304	5533	6793	7927	9106	10391	11484	12505	13622	15136	16277	17657	18727	19925
1095	2335	3360	4320	5541	6795	7944	9131	10396	11515	12536	13654	15147	16313	17659	18797	19930
1131	2336	3399	4332	5581	6810	7947	9162	10397	11543	12566	13657	15176	16332	17678	18803	19954
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1186	2413	3493	4439	5718	6870	8025	9298	10509	11646	12690	13755	15297	16453	17751	18894	
1202	2438	3409	4483	5749	6934	8060	9299	10556	11665	12697	13806	15327	16527	17783	18902	

On April 1, 1978, the Bonds designated above will become due and payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for public and private debts. Said Bonds will be paid, upon presentation and surrender thereof with all coupons appertaining thereto maturing after the redemption date, at the option of the holder either (a) at the corporate trust office of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 15 Broad Street, New York, New York 10015, or (b) subject to applicable laws and regulations, at the main offices of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in Brussels, Frankfurt (Main), London or Paris or at the main offices of Bank Mees & Hope NV in Amsterdam or Banque Internationale à Luxembourg S.A. in Luxembourg. Payments at the offices referred to in (b) above will be made by check drawn on, or by a transfer to a U.S. dollar account maintained by the payee with, a bank in New York City.

Coupons due April 1, 1978, should be detached and collected in the usual manner.

On and after April 1, 1978, interest shall cease to accrue on the Bonds herein designated for redemption.

QUEENSLAND ALUMINA FINANCE N.V.
By WILLIAM HOBBS, Managing Director

Dated: February 15, 1978

NOTICE

The following Bonds previously called for redemption have not as yet been presented for payment:

BONDS OF U.S. $1,000 EACH

M-494	705	1053	1373	1557	2431	2437	4520	6073	6364	12086	12651	14766	18200	18273	18437	19180
660	983	1304	1566	2404	2436	3843	4554	6066	7616	12500	13468	14767	18202	18277	18487	

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Business Diary: Wates and see? • Thermal disunity

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...y half the British ... not know what a ...", complained the ...as Consumers' Coun...ing a new calculator ...nsumers check their ...l to be a wild underestimate. Even Mrs Naomi McIntosh, the council's chairman, who had used the calculator to detect a 25 per cent error in her own gas bill yesterday morning, thought a therm was a thousand cubic feet of gas. In fact it is nearer 100.

For the record a therm is the amount of gas required to provide 100,000 British thermal units of heat.

But the calorific value of gas varies from region to region. In some it is as little as 1,017 BThU to the cubic foot, in others as much as 1,035.

And some industrial users are considering taking the British Gas Corporation to court under the Unfair Contract Terms Act because the Corporation reserves to itself the right to adjust the measurement of cubic feet for varying temperatures and pressure.

All this explains why a calculator will be useful—but also why it will be impossible for consumers to calculate their quarterly bills precisely. The council emphasized that it will give an approximate idea—to the nearest few pence—but not the complete answer.



" Whether there's an election in October or not, I'm hoping for an electioneering Budget in April."

■ Umberto Nordio has wrought a remarkable recovery in the fortunes of Alitalia since he was drafted in from the shipping industry five years ago to head the Italian national airline.

Alitalia paid no dividend for nine years, but when the figures for 1977 are reported in May they are expected to show a profit of about £8m—and the airline actually paid cash for the last four airliners which it bought.

Nordio, a lean and dynamic 58, and with an excellent command of English, shook the Alitalia management until its corporate teeth rattled to achieve the turnround.

About half of the 100 senior executives who were with the company when Nordio arrived in 1973 are no longer around and the average age of the 1,500 men and women who make up the middle and senior management (out of 18,000 total employees) is now 42.

Nordio explained: "We concentrated on services which had an immediate return or which had short-term prospects of paying off. We have sold our kerosene-guzzling monsters—the Caravelles and DC8-43s—and replaced them with fewer, but more efficient and larger, Boeing 727s.

"We saved half a million dollars a year on photo copying and we found we were spending a tremendous amount on telecommunications—not all the messages were necessary and many were too long"

More importantly, Nordio did away with the management pyramid, replacing it with a five-man management team alongside himself and telling them: "If you cannot produce a common policy, I do not want you; I will seek somebody else."

Ironically, Nordio has been too successful for Alitalia to be able to keep him, for the rumour in Roman business circles is that he will be switched by the government to doctor other ailing public giants as boss of the national holdings board, IRI.

■ Madrid now has its tenth daily newspaper, squeezing into a market which already has several dailies gasping for breath. The new paper, Cinco Dias (Five Days), is meant to provide something which the editors feel is not adequately covered by the other five morning papers of four evening papers—business news.

The 24-page tabloid offset publication, which sells for 18 pesetas (12p), is quite different from the other Madrid dailies for another significant reason: it is the brainchild and the repository of the life-savings of a small group of Spanish economic journalists.

The president of the newly formed Diesa Publishing Company, which prints the Catholic daily Ya, is José Perez-Guerra, a veteran business news reporter for the evening newspaper Informaciones. His editor-in-chief is Francisco Mora del Rio, who up to now gathered such news for the evening newspaper Pueblo.

Referring to the recession in Spain, an editorial in the first issue said "Cinco Dias is born at a moment . . . of disillusionment but undoubtedly an exciting one. We, a handful of professionals in economic information, decide that this is just the moment in which the country's economic pulse could be best registered by a specialized newspaper".

Taking lobsters to the Bay of Biscay is like coals to Newcastle, only more cumbersome. George Pagendam, of the Black Bull Inn at Moulton near Richmond, Yorkshire, having won the Mouton Cadet menu competition for a third time, was summoned to cook the meal he had devised at the wine company's headquarters. His formula for success started with a recipe for home-made sea-water. Tanks full of this went aboard his Rolls-Royce, which became a mobile home for 50 prime lobsters en route to the Medoc. The crustaceans survived the trip well, ensuring Pagendam supplies which, even if they had been obtainable locally, would have cost three times the price. Mrs Pagendam, however, had to follow by plane, because the lobsters left no room for her.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Steetley again turns in record but growth lags in second-half

By Tony May

The strength of the pound and the world-wide depression have combined to slow down growth at Steetley. When pre-tax profits at half time showed a 14 per cent rise on the second half of the previous year at £12.8m, the board of this minerals chemicals and ceramics group hoped that the second-half would show a similar level of profits.

In the event many customers had already taken up more than half of their requirements so this hope was disappointed. The second-half brought in only £10.6m against £11.2m a year earlier and margins for the half dipped from 10.2 to 9.2 per cent. Taking its cue from this the market clipped 8p from the shares, to leave them at 167p each, for a yied of 5.9 per cent.

Over 1977 as a whole, the group has again achieved a peak profit with a near 18 per cent advance to £23.5m before tax. Sales went up 14 per cent to £239.8m to give a rise in margins from 9.5 to 9.8 per cent. After complying with ED 19 the tax charge is reduced from £4.5m to £5.9m but a deduction of £4.3m of extraordinary items leaves profits retained in the business at only £10.6m against £11.6m.

These items include £2.2m written-off goodwill and £3m of exchange adjustments for equity overseas. This was offset by favourable exchange adjustments of £1m on term loans. Earnings a share go up from 33.48p to 41.61p.

Geographically, the improved results for 1977 were achieved through increased sales and profits from operations in the United Kingodm and Australia.

The Canadian and Western European operations produced lower profits. However, in the case of the quarrying and distribution, Canadian offshoot this was the result of a bad winter and the low level of the economy, but there was an improvement in the second-half.

Beecham is paying £9.5m for US veterinary group

Beecham plans to buy the North American veterinary and animal health business of Rohm and Haas, a United States chemical company, and the assets of its veterinary and animal health businesses in the United Kingdom, Continental Europe and Australia.

Agreement in principle has been reached, and completion is expected by March 31, if the exchange control authorities approve.

The price is $18.5m (£9.5m), to be paid in cash from Beecham's own resources. In 1977 sales in the territories concerned were approximately $16.7m or £8.6m, and there was a pre-tax loss of approximately $760,000 (£392,000). The estimated value of the tangible assets to be acquired is $16m.

More than three-quarters of the total sales were in the United States. The North American operations, including factories at Meyerstown, Pennsylvania, which is responsible for Beecham's pharmaceutical operations in the United States. It is already a well-established and profitable veterinary business.

Primarily by rationalizing the product range and realizing its international potential, Beecham considers that it can restore the business to profitability in the first twelve months of ownership.

However the present absence of profits from the latest acquisition was noted in the market, and Beecham's shares, strong recently, slipped 3p to 590p.

Setback at Tanners hits Barrow Hepburn

By Michael Prest

Barrow Hepburn Group, the leather and chemicals concern, has returned pre-tax profits of £3.2m for 1977 compared with £3.4m for 1976. Trading profit was £5.1m as against £4.3m, and earnings a share are down from 7.4p to 6.8p.

The main setback was a £1.2m loss from British Tanners Products, a company set up jointly last year with the National Enterprise Board. BHG and the NEB put up £500,000 each in equity, and £2.5m in loan capital, to start British Tanners. The move was opposed unsuccessfully in the courts by other tanning interests which alleged the NEB was exceeding its statutory powers.

In August last year BHG's chairman, Mr Richard Odey, was hoping fo rprofits of £4m for 1977. Mr Odey also said the company had to look for a return on capital of about 23 per cent. After stripping-out interest payments of just over £1m that profits forecast was more or less met, as was the return on capital.

BTP was especially hit by the fall in shoe leather prices in the second half of 1977. The reluctance of the NEB to agree to necessary closures was also to blame, Mr Odey said. But now the workforce has been cut by 50 per cent to 1,000, and write-offs amounting to £1.9m for the closure made in BHG's accounts. Chemical profits were maintained.

Mr Odey said BTP "has every chance of success in 1979."

The final dividend is 12.5 per cent up at 5.57p.

S. A. Richardson

The directors of S. A. Richardson have stated that a well known public company, whose name is undisclosed, is prepared to make an offer for the whole of the company subject to certain conditions. These conditions are at present being closely examined by Richardson's advisers, Hill Samuel.

Stock markets

ICI takes steam out of early 6-point rally

A fresh warning from ICI on the damage being done to exports by a strong pound took the steam out of another technical rally which put the FT Index more than six points better by midday.

The impetus for the pre-lunch gains came from bank lending figures indicating a slowing of money supply growth and more closing of short-term "bear" positions. But the ICI statement and revised balance of payments figures for the final quarter of last year—showing a big downwards revision—introduced a note of caution from which most prices did not fully recover.

Consequently the index fell back sharply from its midday position to close 2.6 up to 446.7, a fourth consecutive day of gains.

The gilt-edged market had an idle session with shorts closiong pjust an eighth better and restrained by the "tap" stock. Though off the best longer dates scored gains of three-eighths but turnover was described as "not great".

Equity dealers were saying last night that with most of the "bears" now closed the market might soon experience a more soundly based run up to the budget, a traditionally strong period.

North east property group Bellway Holdings continue to attract interest. The shares have risen from 48p at the beginning of the account to 63p yesterday but dealers see no signs of a bidder—yet. Much of the buying is reported to be coming from the country and overseas.

Gold shares were the strongest feature of the day with rises of around £1 on some stocks. The price of bullion continued its climb reaching $190.0 at the London fixing and brokers Grieveson Grant forecast it breaking the $200 barrier within three months.

On this basis the brokers are bullish about the sector in general — for as long as Wall Street remains weak.

With the American buyers back in the market with large orders Free State Geduld at £7 7/16, President Steyn at £7¾, St Helena at £8 and Western Holdings at £19 5/16 all gained ground. Durban Deep at 359p and Rustenburg at 92p went 4p better.

European buyers were also in evidence though the United Kingdom institutional fund managers are still fighting shy of the sector.

A leak in Wall Street of De Beers figures prompted some American buying ahead of yesterday's announcement of the results but the profits were adjudged good enough to add a further 5p to the shares at 327p.

After dipping to 335p ICI rallied to an unchanged 338p after the annual meeting. Many thought Turner & Newall had over-reacted to Tuesday's news from southern Africa and the shares duly obliged by edging ahead to 183p. Others meeting with some support were RAT Industries, up 3p to 288p, and Glaxo 2p to 522p.

Whisky distiller Arthur Bell reeemerged as a speculative favourite, gaining 10p to 214p, while Henry Wigfall scored an early gain of 27p after rejecting the new terms, worth around 270p, from Comet Radiovilson. Wigfal lsubsequently fell back, closing 7p better at 212p, while Comet, although active, ended unchanged at 104p.

Other electricals to feature were Dixons Photographic, which rebounded further after the doubts surrounding its Japanese supplier with a gain of 2p to 136p. Racal were still wanted on a broker's recommendation, rising another 6p to 212p.

Properties were generally bellow the best but Hammerson was left with an exceptional gain of 13p to 555p and Land Securities gained 4p to 210p.

Such was the strength of the "bear" position in Unilever ahead of this week's figures that the shares jumped 12p to 490p as the short-term operators unwound. But with this exercise done the shares slipped back to an unchanged 478p on small offerings and dealers would not be surprised to see the process repeated in the next account.

Over on the oil pitch talk that the Opec countries might take action to mitigate their reliance on the dollar gave most shares a firm tone. BP, whose fourth quarter figures next week are viewed with some trepidation, rose 4p to 728p, while Shell gained 7p to 504p in front of today's statement.

Further "dry" well talk hit Oil Exploration to the tune of another 6p to 172p.

In spite of below par profits BTR were boosted by a scrip, closing 3p up to 213p, after 215p. G. H. Downing were lifted 9p to 214p after figures, as were Housebuilder Barratt Developments by 4p to 108p. But disappointing figures hit Steetley, which dipped 6p to 168p, and for similar reasons Matthew Clark lost 8p to 128p.

Woolworth was the wonder of the stores pitch unveiling profits well above City estimates. A good Christmas and a property revaluation plan was enough, in light trading, to add 6p to the shares at 683p. Elsewhere in the sector Marks & Spencer at 145p, House of Fraser at 129p, Suits at 99p and Boots at 196p added 5p in anticipation of trading there having been as good.

GUS "A" clambed 8p to 270p and British Home Stores went 4p better to 183p.

Building group William Press returned from suspension and, after touching the expected 21p level at one point, closed 11p up at 19p. Dealers reported some good two-way trading.

News that Japan is to curb car exports to Britain put life into the motor sector. Although the effect is to be marginal Ford dipped 4p, BSG firmed 1p to 36p, Appleyard at 78p, Lucas Leeds at 49p and Arlington 110p added a penny.

With the shortage of cars helping distributors, gins and the consumer spending boom likely to increase recently depressed new registrations the outlook for the current year is good according to brokers Sheppards and Chase. Elsewhere in the sector Godfrey Davis rose a penny yesterday to 78p, while Henly's marked time at 76p.

A line of around 120,000 shares in Bryant Holdings went through the market without difficulty; and the shares are firm enough at 51p. Those into this West Midlands building group with a useful bank think that they have a each way bet. Either the litigation against the chairman and others is cleared up Bryant becomes a potential target. Taylor Woodrow has over 5 per cent of the equity and a smaller stake is thought to have been accumulated by someone else.

Birmingham civil engineering and hospital equipment manufacturer Hoskins & Horton rose 2p to 145p on news that Bank and Trust has increased its stake by 6 per cent to 10 per cent. In the past it has stressed that the holding is for investment purposes only and dealers see no signs of a bid.

A revaluation of the company's estates was good enough to add a further 4p to Co-ordinated Plantations at 111p.

Banks and insurances finished the session a few pence better while discount houses managed to push ahead. Equity turnover on March 8 was £61.24m (13,100 bargains). Active stocks yesterday according to Exchange Telegraph were BP, Shell, GEC, RAT, EMI, GKN, ICI, Wm Press, Allied International, Distillers, Trust Houses Forte and Barnard.

Latest results

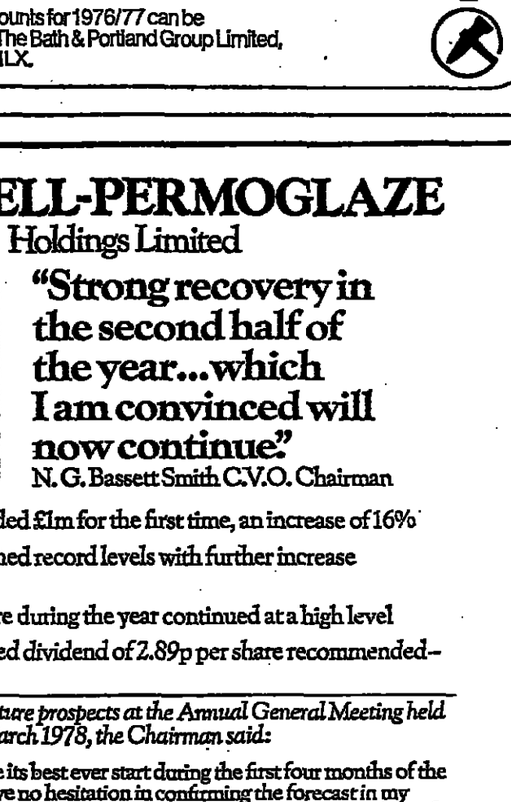
Company	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Int or Fin						
Attock Pet (I)	—(—)	0.01(—)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(4.2)
Ayer Hitam (I)c	—(—)	5.72(27.5)	—(—)	150(90)	17/4	—(—)
Barrow Hburn (F)	114.3(118.4)	3.18(3.41)	6.68(7.4)	2.29(1.93)	3/7	5.4(3.2)
BTR (F)	240.8(212.4)	29.0(24.2)	33.4(28.1)	4.62(3.25)	—	9.24(6.5)
City & Com In (F)	—(—)	0.67(0.58)	—(—)	0.88(0.71)	31/3	1.81(1.57)
Matthew Clark (I)	34.4(32.1)	1.50(1.56)	—(—)	1.60(1.50)	18/4	—(4.6)
Family Inv (F)	—(—)	0.29(0.23)	3.96(3.19)	2.35(1.85)	3/5	3.8(3.1)
Martin Ford (F)	5.57(4.47)	0.96(0.6)6	3.51(2.39)	1.3(1.14)	3/5	2.5(2.2)
Gedong Inv (F)	—(—)	0.07(0.04)	4.04(2.60)	1.38(1.2)	18/4	1.71(1.5)
Hampson Ind (I)	5.42(4.83)	0.27(0.24)	—(—)	0.27(0.25)	3/4	—(0.7)
Ldn & Strath (I)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	0.47(0.45)	23/5	—(1.3)
Malayan Tin (I)c	—(—)	11.2(14.3)	—(—)	45(—)	14/4	—(—)
Nat Growth (I)	54.1(45.76)	4.0(3.6)	—(—)	2.64(—)	31/5	8.05b(—)
Nu-Swift (F)	8.99(7.71)	0.90(0.92)	4.54(4.64)	0.90(0.80)	—	1.56(1.40)
W. L. Pawson (F)	1.65(1.60)	0.004a(0.13a)	0.46(6.6a)	0.25(Nil)	11/4	0.25(Nil)
Rentokil Grp (F)	50.83(46.82)	8.54(7.16)	4.41(3.73)	0.98(0.86)	—	1.61(1.43)
Scot Cities Inv (I)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	2.25(2.25)	28/3	—(8.0)
Steetley (F)	239.37(210.77)	23.49(19.95)	41.61(33.48)	3.96(3.57)	20/4	6.5(5.7)
Strong & Fshr (I)	12.87(11.71)	0.37(1.07)	3.5(11.2)	1.87(1.7)	3/4	—(4.2)
Tronoh Mines (F)c	—(—)	22.65(12.86)	0.89(0.37)	58(34.8)	17/4	88(50.8)
Union Corp (F)d	—(—)	75.23(71.3)	62(55)	26(24)	—	38(36)
F. W. Wworth (F)	767.94(700.87)	46.78(40.60)	5.56(5.15)	2.95(2.72)	—	4.17(3.95)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Loss. b Forecast. c Dollars & Cents. d Rands.

Profits up 49% on last year's record level

In the last ten years

- pre-tax profits have increased almost twelve-fold.
- pre-tax earnings per Ordinary share have increased ten-fold.
- assets per Ordinary share have increased from 36p to 111p.
- share capital has increased by only 20%.



The Bath & Portland Group

Copies of the Report and Accounts for 1976/77 can be obtained from the Secretary, The Bath & Portland Group Limited, 20 Manvers Street, Bath BA1 1LX.

Outside disputes jolt Nu-Swift but payout up

By Victor Felstead

External industrial disputes were mainly to blame for West Yorkshire-based Nu-Swift Industries failing to produce profits over the indicated £1m mark last year. Although total turnover rose by 16 per cent to £8.99m, pre-tax profits slipped from a record £929,000 to £908,000.

In the first half-year, profits were 7 per cent up at £514,000 and, conditional on not encountering any material adverse conditions, it was well placed to achieve profits topping £1m for the first time.

In the event outside industrial action virtually stopped Nu-Swift's production operations for almost four weeks in the second half. This cost the group in profits a minimum of £75,000. The downturn in interest rates in 1977 also resulted in the interest income-profit being £25,000 below 1976.

However, as far as turnover is concerned, Nu-Swift reports that all markets and sales activities produced fresh records. Exports finished the year up 27 per cent. The home market, in a period of uncertain conditions, produced a 13 per cent increase.

Although earnings a share declined from 4.64p to 4.54p, the total gross dividend is going up by the maximum allowed, from 2.15p to 2.37p.



Mr Ivan Dorr, chairman of Nu-Swift Industries.

Meanwhile, prospects look promising for 1978. "We have every reason to expect an improved performance in the year ahead", says Mr Ivan Dorr, the chairman. Nu-Swift, which makes fire extinguishers, moved into the current year with a very high order book of £916,000—against £535,000 a year earlier—most of which is scheduled for delivery before June 30. In cash resources the group remains strong, net assets rising from £1.91m to £2.02m in 1977, being well able to finance further expansion.

Exchange upheavals play havoc with Strong & Fisher's margins

By Our Financial Staff

Although turnover of Strong & Fisher (Holdings) expanded from £11.71m to £12.87m in the half year to November 27, pre-tax profits tumbled from £1.07m to £371,700.

However, the interim dividend of this clothing and fashion leather manufacturer is still being lifted from 2.61p to 2.83p gross.

Mr Edward Davies, the chairman, reports that in the half-year the group experienced one of the more difficult trading periods, even for an industry which is familiar with the traditional cyclical nature of its trading. In the light of the "volatile" circumstances, he continues, the results may be considered acceptable.

The major concern, as it must be to any company exporting 63 per cent of its finished goods, was the erosion of margins because of the many and varied upheavant in international currency exchange rates.

Additionally, there was "unprecedented competition" for domestic skin supplies, because of the substantial fall in the United Kingdom lamb-kill which resulted in fellmongeries operating at below capacity.

It remains impossible to predict the outcome for the full year, the chairman warns. Pre-tax profits for 1976-77 were £1.83m.

But there are ominous portents. With the current fashion trend towards leather, overbuyers are returning at prices which reestablish the gross sterling margins, and tanneries are working at capacity.

The directors express confidence in the group's ability to take maximum advantage the trading period that lies ahead.

Strong & Fisher recently took over Mullins (Dudley), described as a fellmonger of "strategic importance" to the group.

Good start at confident Blundell-Permoglaze

At the annual general meeting of Blundell-Permoglaze Holdings, the chairman, Mr Guy Bassett Smith, told shareholders that the board has decided to reduce the number of outlets of the Lowrie organization by the closure at the end of this month of the Inverness and Edinburgh branches. Losses have been incurred during the year so far but as a result of the decision taken and others under active consideration, he is expecting a considerable turn-round by the end of the year.

The group in which Croda International has a near 10 per cent stake, has made an excellent start during the opening four months and he is confident that its trading profits will continue on their progressive path and that at the end of this year he will be reporting a satisfactory increase on last year's figures.

INVERESK PAYMENT
In view of reduction last year in ACT directors will now recommend increased final dividend of 3.4892p (3.105p), and not 3.4155p, as announced recently. This would make total net dividend for 1977 of 4.8642p (4.355p).

F. W. WOOLWORTH
F. W. Woolworth of the United States reports sales for year to January 31 cp from $5,200m to $5,500m, but net profit down from $108.2m to £91.9m. Earnings per shart fell from $3.62 to $3.03.—*Reuter, New York.*

N'THN ENGINEERING IND
Boards of Clarke Chapman Africa and International Combustion Africa have agreed merger terms. A new company—Northern Engineering Investments Africa—will become the holding company of CCA and ICA.

LONSDALE UNIVERSAL
Chairman says figures for the [illegible] are "around 20 per cent better than a year ago."

Briefly

ALEXANDERS HOLDINGS
Another record year's trading is in prospect. Profits in the current year are in advance of those for the same period of 1977 and chairman views current trading "with confidence".

TMG GROUP—HAMMOND HOLDINGS
Acceptances of the offer for Hammond have been received on 50.6 per cent of equity. Offer is now unconditional.

PONTINS-CORAL
Acceptances of offer by Coral now been received on 86.22 per cent of Pontins. Offer extended until March 15.

McLEOD-SIPEF PLANTATIONS
Offer for London Sumatra has been extended until March 21. Acceptances have been received on 24.8p a share.

BROWN & JACKSON
Group has agreed to purchase Premier Construction, for £1.15m in cash. Also Bernard Pumfrey Group for £426,000 cash.

ATTOCK PETROLEUM
The Stock Exchange has granted permission for the re-listing of the ordinary shares from March 13.

YEOMAN INVESTMENT
Directors of Yeoman Investment Trust are confident the increased *payment for 1977 will be at least maintained for the current year.*

SCOTTISH EASTERN
Formal document on recommended cash offers by Scottish Eastern Investment Trust now posted to shareholders of Western Canada Investment Co.

BERALT TIN
Bakelite Xylonite has bought 250,000 shares in Beralt Tin and Wolfram, making its total holding 1.52m shares (13.25 per cent).

BLUNDELL-PERMOGLAZE
Holdings Limited



"Strong recovery in the second half of the year...which I am convinced will now continue."
N. G. Bassett Smith C.V.O. Chairman

- U.K. profits exceeded £1m for the first time, an increase of 16%
- Exports again reached record levels with further increase in profits
- Capital expenditure during the year continued at a high level
- Maximum permitted dividend of 2.89p per share recommended—covered 3½ times

Looking ahead to future prospects at the Annual General Meeting held in London on 8th March 1978, the Chairman said:

"The Group has made its best ever start during the first four months of the trading year and I have no hesitation in confirming the forecast in my annual statement. Exports show further improvement and the industrial division is doing even better than at this time last year. I am confident that next January we shall be reporting a satisfactory increase on last year's figures."

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A group of companies concerned with the manufacture of decorative trade paints and industrial finishes.

WOOLWORTH
Annual Results
Year ended 31 January 1978

	Year Ended 31 January 1978 £000s	1977 £000s
TURNOVER (including value added tax)	767,940	700,879
Deduct : Value added tax	(43,841)	(40,227)
TURNOVER (excluding value added tax)	724,099	660,652
TRADING PROFIT	58,630	50,934
Deduct : Depreciation on fixed assets	(7,956)	(5,771)
Interest paid less received	(5,268)	(5,918)
Add : Investment and rent income	1,117	885
Surplus on property disposals, excluding sale and leasebacks	257	479
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	46,780	40,609
Taxation	25,775	21,133
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	21,005	19,476
Deduct : Foreign currency differences	(884)	(2,312)
Add : Extraordinary items	349	762
PROFIT FOR YEAR	20,470	17,925

NOTE: Last year's figures have been restated to conform with this year's presentation and the turnover of the Rhodesian subsidiary has been excluded.

- Turnover increased £67 million—up 9.6% on last year.
- Profit before tax £46.8 million—up 15.2% on last year—but, allowing for building depreciation charge of £1.96 million (1977 £ nil), the strictly comparable increase is 20%.
- Properties are being revalued by independent professional valuers and results will be available by 31 January 1979.
- The Directors propose a final dividend of 2.95p (1977 2.725p) per stock unit, which with the interim dividend totals 4.175p (1977 3.95p).

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MARKET REPORTS

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

	Bid	Offer
STRAIGHTS ($)		

Kidder Peabody Securities

Money Market

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 6½%

Wall Street

New York, March 8.—Stocks continued firm on the New York Stock Exchange. In light trading, gains led declines narrowly and the Dow Jones Industrial Average was fractionally higher.

Among actives, IBM fell 3⅜ to 241⅞, while Boeing picked up ⅛ to 33⅞. British Petroleum, the volume leader, tacked on ⅛ to 14. J. C. Penney, posting sharply higher earnings, rose ⅞ to 34⅞.

On the American Stock Exchange, Houston Oil and Minerals was the volume leader.

Silver's hectic session

New York, March 7.—COMEX SILVER futures were bid at the daily limit of 20.00 cents at the close in a hectic session that saw the nearby May come within 0.20 cents of its contract high of 532.00 cents. Floor traders said fewer than 100 buy orders were left over in allocation pools which totalled no more than 250 lots at their maximum. March, 525.70c; April, 528.10c; May, 531.80c; July, 539.30c; Sept, 546.80c; Dec, 558.50c; Jan, 562.30c; March, 570.20c; May, 578.10c; July, 586.00c; Sept, 594.00c; Dec, 606.00c; Jan, 610.00c. Handy and Harman $5.21 (previous $4.99). Handy and Harman of Canada, Can $5.863 (previous Can $5.606).

GOLD.—Futures were: CHICAGO IMM.: March, $189.00-188.90; June, $192.00-192.20; Sept, $196.50; Dec, $200.50-200.70 bid; March, $205.20; June, $209.50; Sept, $214.10 bid; Dec, $218.00 bid. NY COMEX: March, $188.20; April, $189.20; May, $190.40; June, $192.00; Aug, $194.80; Oct, $197.50; Dec, $200.20; Feb, $202.90; April, $206.00; June, $209.10; Aug, $212.20; Oct, $215.20; Dec, $218.20.

COPPER futures closed steady between 70 and 110 points up. March, 57.20c; April, 57.20c; May, 58.00c; July, 59.00c; Sept, 60.00c; Dec, 61.60c; Jan, 62.10c; March, 63.10c; May, 64.10c; July, 65.10c; Sept, 66.10c; Dec, 67.60c; Jan, 68.10c.

SUGAR.—Futures in No 11 contract were: May, 8.36-37c; July, 8.76c; Sept, 8.98c; Oct, 9.09-11c; Jan, 9.70-75c; March, 9.85-87c; May, 10.04-08c; July, 10.23-27c.

COTTON.—Futures were: March, 56.50-60c; May, 58.20-40c; July, 59.10c; Oct, 60.10c; Dec, 60.38-48c; March, 61.60c; May, 62.10-35c; July, 62.60-80c.

COFFEE futures in "C" contract closed mostly 2.36 to 0.25 cents lower. March, 170.00c; May, 146.90-7.00c; July, 133.25c; Sept, 128.00c; Dec, 117.75c; March, 115.00c; May, 113.00-50c; July, 112.50c.

COCOA.—Futures were: March, 153.25c; May, 144.00c; July, 140.00c; Sept, 136.75c; Dec, 132.60c; March, 130.55c; May, 128.50c; July, 126.65c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Oil finished up 0.97 to 0.25 cent a lb. Meal closed $2.60 to $1.20 a ton higher. SOYABEANS.—March, 632-2½c; May, 641-39c; July, 644-2½c; Aug, 640c; Sept, 613-15c; Nov, 606-5½c; Jan, 612c; March, 618½-19c. SOYABEAN OIL.—March, 25.10-15c; May, 24.55-60c; July, 24.35-30c; Aug, 23.85-90c; Sept, 23.15-20c; Oct, 21.85c; Dec, 21.50-45c; Jan, 21.45-35c; March, 21.40c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—March, $163.00-30; May, $165.00-50; July, $167.30-40; Aug, $167.50-8.00; Sept, $164.50-5.00; Oct, $161.50; Dec, $163.00; Jan, $163.00-3.5; March, $166.00.

	Mar 7	Mar 8
Allied Chem	35⅞	36⅛
Allied Stores	19⅞	19⅝
Allied Supermkt	2⅛	2⅛
Allis Chalmers	24⅛	23⅞
Alcoa	38½	38
Amax Inc	33⅞	33⅞
Amerada Hess	24	24
Am Airlines	9⅞	9⅞
Am Brands	45⅞	44⅞
Am Broadcast	36⅞	37⅞
Am Can	36⅞	34⅞
Am Cyanamid	23⅞	23⅞
Am Elec Power	22⅞	22⅞
Am Home	27⅞	27
Am Motors	4⅛	4⅛
Am Nat Res	40	40⅛
Am Standard	34⅛	34
Am Telephone	60⅛	59⅞
AMF Inc	16½	16½
Armco Steel	21	20⅞
Asarco	16⅛	15⅞
Ashland Oil	27⅞	28⅛
Atlantic Richfield	43⅞	43⅞
Avco	20½	19
Avon Products	44⅞	44⅛
Babcock & Wcox	57⅞	57⅞
Bankers Tst NY	34⅛	34½
Bank of America	21⅛	21
Bank of NY	31	30⅞
Beatrice Foods	22⅞	22⅞
Bell & Howell	18⅛	18⅛
Bendix	34⅞	34⅞
Bethlehem Steel	21⅛	20⅞
Boeing	33⅞	33⅞
Boise Cascade	23½	23
Borden	28⅞	28⅞
Borg Warner	28⅛	28⅛
Bristol Myers	28⅛	28⅛
BP	13⅞	13⅞
Budd	32	32
Burlington Ind	20	19⅞
Burlington Nthn	36½	36⅞
Burroughs	61	60
Campbell Soup	30⅛	32⅞
Canadian Pacific	15	15
Caterpillar	48⅛	48⅛
Celanese	39⅛	39⅛
Central Soya	13⅞	13⅞
Charter NY	27⅞	27⅞
Chase Manhat	28⅞	28½
Chem Bank NY	37⅞	37½
Chesapeake Ohio	31⅞	32⅛
Chrysler	11	10⅞
Citicorp	19⅛	19⅛
Cities Service	45½	45½
Clark Equip	30⅞	31⅛
Coca Cola	36⅞	36⅞
Colgate	19½	19½
CBS	44⅛	44
Columbia Gas	28⅞	28⅞
Combustion Eng	33⅞	32⅞
Comwlth Edison	27⅛	27
Cons Edison	23	22⅞
Cons Foods	23⅞	23½
Cons Power	22⅞	22⅞
Continental Grp	29⅛	29⅛
Continental Oil	28⅞	27
Control Data	23⅞	24
Corning Glass	45⅞	45⅛
CPC Intnl	44⅞	44⅛
Crane	29½	30½
Crocker Int	24⅞	24⅞
Crown Zeller	29⅞	29½
Dart Ind	35⅞	35½
Deere	23⅞	23
Del Monte	23⅞	23⅞
Delta Air	36⅞	37
Detroit Edison	16⅛	16⅛
Disney	33⅞	32⅞
Dow Chemical	23⅞	22⅞
Dresser Ind	36⅛	36⅛
Duke Power	20	20
Du Pont	100½	99
Eastern Air	7	6⅞
Eastman Kodak	42	41⅞
Eaton Corp	33½	33½
El Paso Nat Gas	14⅞	14⅞
Equitable Life	24⅛	24⅛
Esmark	29½	29⅞
Evans P. D.	14⅛	14⅛
Exxon Corp	44½	44⅞
Fed Dept Stores	34½	34⅛
Firestone	13⅞	13⅞
Fst Chicago	17⅞	17⅛
Fst Nat Boston	25⅛	26⅛
Fst Penn Corp	18⅛	18⅞
Ford	41⅞	43½
GAF Corp	10⅛	10⅛
Gamble Skogmo	29⅛	27
Gen Dynamics	40⅛	40⅞
Gen Electric	45⅛	44⅞
Gen Foods	27	29⅛
Gen Mills	28	27⅞
Gen Motors	58	58⅛
Gen Pub Util NY	19⅛	19⅛
Gen Tel Elec	29⅞	29⅞
Gen Tire	22½	24⅛
Genesco	5⅛	5½
Georgia Pacific	24	24⅛
Getty Oil	158	159½
Gillette	25⅞	25
Goodrich	19⅛	19⅛
Goodyear	16	15⅞
Gould Inc	25⅞	25
Grace	24⅞	24⅞
Gt Atlte & Pacific	7⅞	7⅞
Greyhound	13⅛	13
Grumman Corp	15⅞	16
Gulf Oil	24⅛	24⅛
Gulf & West	12	11⅞
Heinz H. J.	37⅞	37
Hercules	12⅞	12⅞
Honeywell	44⅛	43⅞
IC Inds	23⅛	23⅛
Ingersoll	53⅞	53½
Inland Steel	34	34⅛
IBM	244⅞	241
Int Harvester	27½	27⅛
INCO	13⅞	13½
Int Paper	38⅛	35⅞
Int Tel Tel	27⅛	27⅞
Jewel Co	17⅞	17⅞
Jim Walter	28	27⅞
Johns-Manville	29⅞	29⅞
Johnson & John	68⅛	67⅞
Kaiser Alumin	28⅛	28⅛
Kennecott	24⅞	24⅛
Kerr McGee	42½	42⅛
Kimberly Clark	42	42
Kraftco Corp	43	43
K Mart	24⅛	23⅞
Kroger	27	26½
Ligget Group	28⅛	27⅞
L.T.V. Corp	5⅞	5½
Litton	15⅞	15
Lockheed	14⅞	14⅛
Lucky Stores	13½	13⅞
Manuf Hanover	29⅛	29
Mapco	32⅛	31
Marathon Oil	41	41⅛
Marine Midland	12	12
Martin Marietta	23⅞	23⅞
McDonnell	24⅛	23⅞
Mead	19	17⅞
Merck	51½	51⅛
Minnesota Mng	44½	44⅞
Mobil Oil	59⅛	59⅞
Monsanto	45	44⅞
Morgan J. P.	40⅞	40⅛
Motorola	35½	35⅞
NCR Corp	40⅞	40⅞
NL Industries	16⅛	15⅞
Nabisco	47⅞	47⅞
Nat Distillers	21⅛	21⅛
Nat Steel	29⅞	28⅞
Norfolk West	25⅞	25⅞
NW Bancorp	21⅞	22
Norton Simon	17	16⅞
Occidental Pet	21⅛	22
Ogden	23⅞	23⅞
Olin Corp	14½	14⅞
Owens-Illinois	20⅛	20⅞
Pacific Gas Elec	24⅛	24⅛
Pan Am	4⅞	5
Penney J. C.	33⅞	33½
Pennzoil	28⅞	28⅞
Pepsico	25	24⅞
Pet Inc	39⅞	38⅞
Pfizer	25⅞	25⅞
Phelps Dodge	17⅞	17⅞
Philip Morris	56⅞	56⅛
Phillips Petrol	28	28⅛
Polaroid	24	23⅞
PPG Ind	24⅛	24⅛
Proctor Gamble	78⅞	78
Pub Ser El & Gas	21½	21⅛
Pullman	24⅛	34
Rapid American	7⅞	7⅞
Raytheon	33⅛	32⅞
RCA Corp	24⅛	24⅛
Republic Steel	22⅞	22½
Reynolds Ind	55⅞	55⅛
Reynolds Metal	25⅞	25⅞
Rockwell Int	30⅛	30½
Royal Dutch	58	57½
Safeways	35⅞	35⅞
St Regis Paper	27	27
Santa Fe Ind	33½	34
SCM	16⅞	16½
Schlumberger	65	64⅞
Scott Paper	13	13
Seaboard Coast	29⅞	30
Seagram	21⅞	21⅛
Sears Roebuck	24⅛	24⅛
Shell Oil	30⅞	30⅞
Shell Trans	38⅛	38
Signal Co	28⅞	28
Singer	18	18½
Sony	7⅞	7½
Sth Cal Edison	25⅞	26⅞
Southern Pacific	32	31⅞
Southern Rly	45⅞	45⅞
Sperry Rand	34½	33⅞
Squibb	23	22⅞
Std Brands	23	22½
Std Oil Californ	37⅞	37⅞
Std Oil Indiana	44⅞	44½
Std Oil Ohio	61	61½
Sterling Drug	13	12⅞
Stevens J. P.	14⅛	14⅞
Stude Worth	45⅞	45⅞
Sunbeam Corp	18⅞	18⅛
Sun Comp	35⅛	35½
Teledyne	73⅞	73⅞
Tenneco	29⅞	29½
Texaco	25⅞	25⅞
Texas East Trans	40	38⅞
Texas Inst	63⅞	62⅞
Texas Utilities	19⅛	19⅞
Textron	24	23⅞
TWA	13	12⅞
Travelers Corp	29⅞	29⅞
TRW Inc	32½	32⅞
UAL Inc	26	26⅛
Unilever Ltd	36⅞	36⅞
Unilever NV	55⅛	55½
Union Bancorp	13	13
Union Carbide	38½	38⅞
Union Oil Calif	49⅞	40⅛
Un Pacific Corp	42⅛	42⅛
Uniroyal	7⅞	7½
United Brands	7	7⅛
US Industries	7⅛	7⅛
US Steel	26⅛	26
Utd Technol	34½	34⅛
Wachovia	16⅛	16⅛
Warner Comm	32⅞	32⅞
Warner Lambert	26⅞	26⅞
Wells Fargo	25⅛	25
West'n Bancorp	30⅛	30
Westnghse Elec	17½	17⅞
Weyerhauser	21⅞	21⅛
Whirlpool	21⅛	21⅛
White Motor	7⅞	7
Woolworth	18⅛	17½
Xerox Corp	41⅞	41⅞
Zenith	12⅛	12

Canadian Prices

	Mar 7	Mar 8
Abitibi	11⅞	11⅞
Alcan Alumin	25⅞	25⅞
Algoma Steel	17⅞	18
Bell Telephone	54⅞	55⅞
Cominco	23½	23⅞
Cons Bathurst	23⅞	23⅞
Falconbridge	16⅞	16⅞
Gulf Oil	28½	28½
Hawker/Sid Can	5.78	5.85
Hudson Bay Min	15⅞	15⅞
Hudson Bay Oil	43⅞	43⅞
Imasco	31⅛	31⅛
Imperial Oil	19	19
Int Pipe	13⅞	13⅞
Mass.-Fergsn	10½	10⅛
Royal Trust	16⅞	16⅛
Seagram	24⅛	23½
Steel Co	23⅞	23½
Talcorp	8⅛	8⅛
Thomson N 'A'	11⅞	11⅞
Walker Hiram	31½	31½
WCT	32⅛	32

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9370 (1.9400); three months, 1.9555 (1.9377); Canadian dollar, 90.01 (89.17).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 353.99. The futures index was 333.06.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 746.79 (742.73); transportation, 199.60 (199.75); utilities, 104.36 (103.72); 65 stocks, 261.71 (260.66). New York Stock Exchange index, 48.62 (48.37); industrials, 51.78 (51.51); transportation, 37.96 (37.93); utilities, 38.81 (38.63); financial, 50.29 (50.06).

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT.—March, 280c; May, 280¼-½c; July, 279-9¼c; Sept, 283¼-4c; Dec, 291¼c; March, 298c. CORN.—March, 231¼-¼c; May, 235¼-6¼c; July, 237¼-¼c; Sept, 237¼c; Dec, 239-9¼c; March, 246¼-7c. OATS.—March, 136¼c; May, 133c; July, 135c; Sept, 138c; Dec, 141¼c.

Commodities

COPPER.—Cash wire bars were very steady.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £638-38.50 a metric ton; three months, £651.50-52. Sales, 5,300 tons. Cash cathodes, £628-29; three months, £641.50-42. Sales, nil. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £635.5-36; three months, £649-49.50. Settlement, £636. Sales, 11,450 tons, mainly carries. Cash cathodes, £625.50-26; three months, £639-39.50. Settlement, £626. Sales, 25 tons.

SILVER made strong advances yesterday. Prices were marked up at the outset following the limit up gains at New York overnight.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 276.90p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 536.00); three months, 281.80p (545.40c); six months, 287.45p (555.8c); one year 299.35p (577.50c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 275.2-75.4p; three months, 280.3-80.5p. Sales, 100 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 275.7-76.7p; three months, 280.5-80.6p. Settlement, 275.7p. Sales, 82 lots.

TIN showed gains of £30 for standard cash and £35.50 in the three months position.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,100-10 a metric ton; three months, £6,087-60. Sales, 628 tons. High grade, cash, £6,100-10; three months, £6,087-65. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,150-55; three months, £6,100-10. Settlement, £6,155. Sales, 745 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £6,150-55; three months, £6,100-15. Settlement, £6,155. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,640.00 a picul.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £298-99 per metric ton; three months, £301.50-1.75. Sales, 2,975 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—£297-97.50; three months, £300-301. Settlement, £297.50. Sales, 2,200 tons.

ZINC was very steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £259.50-60.50 a metric ton; three months, £260.50-61. Sales, 1,300 tons. Morning.—Cash, £257-57.50; three months, £258.50-59. Settlement, £257.50. Sales, 850 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £125.30 ($24.50) a troy ounce.

RUBBER futures were about steady—(pence per kilo).—April, 48.40-48.50; May, 48.70-48.90; April-June, 48.80-48.90; July-Sept, 50.50-50.55; Oct-Dec, 51.90-51.95; Jan-March, 53.35-53.40; April-June, 54.80-54.85; July-Sept, 55.95-56.00; Dec, 57.35-57.40. Sales: 315 lots at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot, 48.00-49.50. Cifs, April, 48.60-49.00; May, 48.75-49.25.

COFFEE.—Robust futures were irregular and Arabicas were quiet.

ROBUSTAS (£ per metric tonne): March, 1,596-98; May, 1,380-81; July, 1,287-88; Sept, 1,235-36; Nov, 1,185-1,205; Jan, 1,150-55; March, 1,125-50. Sales, 2,944 including 18 options.

ARABICAS ($ per 50 kilos): April, 180.00-81.00; June, 162.75-63.00; Aug, 151.25-51.75; Oct, 142.00-42.75; Dec, 131.00-34.50; Feb, 136.00-31.75; April, 121.00-28.00. Sales: 12 lots.

PALM OIL was dull.—March, £290.00-315 per metric ton; April, £297.00-312; May, £290.00-305; June, £277.00-95; July, £275.00-00; Aug, £263.00-72; Sept, £263.00-75; Oct, £263.00-72; Oct, £263.00-72; Nov, £263.00-72.

COCOA futures were barely steady.—March, £1,830.00-32.00 per metric ton; May, £1,731.00-33.00; July, £1,688.00-89.50; Sept, £1,655.00-57.50; Dec, £1,615.00-16.50; March, £1,580.00-82.00; May, £1,550.00-62.00. Sales, 5,582 lots including 65 options. ICCO prices: daily, 144.00c; 15-day average, 131.76c; 22-day average, 131.25c. (United States cents per lb.)

SUGAR futures were slightly irregular.—The London daily price of "raws" was £1 lower at £100.50; the "whites" price was £3.50 lower at £100.00. Futures (per metric ton): March, £105.10-05.20; May, £109.00-09.10; Aug, £112.50-12.60; Oct, £115.00-15.25; Dec, £120.00-21.75; March, £123.50-24.50; May, £127.00-27.50. Sales: 5,962 lots. ISA prices: 8.00c; 15-day average 8.34c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—April, £117.50-17.90 per metric ton; June, £115.10-15.30; Aug, £114.90-15.00; Oct, £113.50-14.50; Dec, £110.00-11.00; Feb, £109.50-13.00; April, £109.00-15.00.

WOOL: Greasy futures were barely steady (pence per kilo).—March, 219.0-22; May, 226.0-29; Oct, 230.0-35; Dec, 233.0-38; March, 238.0-41; May, 238.0-42; July, 238.0-42.

JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, afloat, $485 per long ton. "D" grade, afloat, $485. Calcutta was dull.—Indian, spot, Rs570.00 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs570.00.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring number one 13½ per cent, March, £88 Tilbury. US dark northern spring number two, 14 per cent, March, £83.00; April, £82.50 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French, March, £100.00; April, £101.00 trans-shipment; South African yellow, April, £70.00.

BARLEY.—Kenya grade three, April, $115 quoted fob. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin.—BARLEY was steady.—March, £71.40; May, £73.05; Sept, £77.75; Nov, £80.30; Jan, £82.65. Sales: 65 lots. WHEAT was steady.—March, £82.85; May, £84.85; Sept, £82.35; Nov, £84.80; Jan, £87.15. Sales: 62 lots.

HOME-GROWN CEREAL AUTHORITY.—Location ex-farm spot prices.

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Hertford	£80.00	£76.00	£68.60

MEAT COMMISSION.—Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 8. GB: Cattle 63.74p per kglw (−0.43); UK: Sheep 130.4p per kgestdcw (−2.2); GB: Pigs 60.9p per kglw (+0.4). England and Wales.—Cattle numbers down 3.4 per cent, average price 64.05p (−0.51); Sheep numbers down 7.0 per cent, average price 39.7p (−2.2); Pig numbers down 9.4 per cent, average price 60.9p (+0.4). Scotland.—Cattle numbers down 9.4 per cent, average price 62.75p (−0.60); Sheep numbers down 55.5 per cent, average price 141.3p (+6.8); Pig numbers up 16.7 per cent, average price 60.7p (−1.5).

Foreign Exchange

The dollar charted an erratic course yesterday. Modest gains were established finally over Deutsche marks at 2.0240. Compared with the previous night's 2.0130, and Swiss francs 1.8925 (1.8750), the two strongest currencies.

The French franc was rather vulnerable to selling ahead of the general election, and fell to 4.8100 (4.7700).

Sterling closed just over ¼ cent lower at $1.9340 with the Bank of England believed to have bought small parcels of dollars. The pound's currency basket level came back to end unchanged at 65.1 overall.

Gold was up $3.8 an ounce to close at $190.25 in London.

No Klöckner payout

Duisburg-Klöckner-Werke, the steel and heavy engineering group, will not be paying a dividend for the year to September 30. It also paid no dividend for 1975/76. The group had a loss of DM95.8m against a DM700,000 profit the year before. The group adds that it will propose to the Annual Meeting on May 10 the creation of an authorized capital of up to DM100m which can be issued later.—Reuter.

RKT TEXTILES

Turnover for year to Sept 30, £12.36m (£10.17m). Pre-tax profit, £960,000 (£653,000). "Satisfactory start" made to current year.

W. WILLIAMS & SONS

Company's interest in associated company in South Africa, shown in balance sheet as £43,919, sold for R200,000—about £133,000.

HIRST & MALLINSON

Overall improvement on last year's results is anticipated.

Discount market

In a fairly quiet market yesterday, credit fell slightly below requirements and the Bank of England assisted on a small scale. The help was channelled via small purchases of both Treasury Bills and local authority bills directly from the houses in need.

This was considered enough to relieve the shortage. Money was rather slow moving earlier in the day, although the houses attracted a little money down at 5½ per cent after opening in the 5¾-6 per cent region.

Conditions became very much easier later in the session, after the bank's assistance, and closing balances were found within a band of 4-4½ per cent. There were again factors influencing the market. Government disbursements substantially exceeded revenue transfers to the Exchequer.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) March 8	Market rates (close) March 8
New York	$1.9320-9400	$1.9330-9345
Montreal	$2.1740-1820	$2.1760-1770
Amsterdam	4.16-19fl	4.17½-18½fl
Brussels	60.65-61.15f	61.00-90f
Copenhagen	10.72-80k	10.16-17k
Frankfurt	3.89½-92m	3.91-92m
Lisbon	78.10-79.10e	78.40-90e
Madrid	154.50-155.30p	154.85-95p
Milan	1647-52lr	1648-49lr
Oslo	10.22-28k	10.24½-25½k
Paris	9.24½-29½f	9.27-28f
Stockholm	8.88-91k	8.88½-90½k
Tokyo	448-60y	452½-54½y
Vienna	28.00-30sch	28.10-20sch
Zurich	3.62½-68½f	3.65½-66½f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, was unchanged at 65.1.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.10c prem-par	.20-.10c prem
Montreal	.02c prem-.08c disc	.10c prem-par
Amsterdam	¾c prem-¼c disc	2½-1½c prem
Brussels	5c prem-5c disc	15-5c prem
Copenhagen	7½-9¼ore disc	18¼-20¼ore disc
Frankfurt	1¼-½pf prem	4¼-3¼pf prem
Lisbon	70-180c disc	375-600c disc
Madrid	60-150c disc	190-270c disc
Milan	9-15lr disc	17-25lr disc
Oslo	4¼-5¼ore disc	12½-15¼ore disc
Paris	2½-3½c disc	14¼-15¾c disc
Stockholm	2½-3¼ore disc	3-5ore disc
Vienna	par-10gro disc	5-15gro disc
Zurich	2¼-1¼c prem	6¼-5¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), 90.8881-84.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6¾-7; seven days, 6¾-7; one month, 6¾-6¾; three months, 7-7¼; six months, 7½-7⅝.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $188.8 (an ounce); pm, $190.

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $195-197 (£100¼-101¾); resident, $193½-195½ (£100-101).

Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $58½-60½ (£30¼-31¼); resident, $58½-60½ (£30¼-31¼).

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Automated Sec 8% Cnv Pf (£1)	139
Kensington Chel 11¼% 85-7 (£100d)	£53¾
Do Variable 1983 (£100)	£100½
Mid Sussex Wtr 7% 1983 (£? a)	£12 prem
Pearson S. 10¼% Prf Cnv 1993-88	£101
Thameside 10¾% 1984-85 (£99¼d)	£50½
Do Variable 1983 (£99¾)	£100

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Beaumont Prop (70£)	Apr 4	12 prem+2
Com Bnk Aust (SA1.70g)	Mar 10	120
Milbury (60£)	Apr 7	25 prem−2

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £20 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g $A1 paid. h £55 paid. i £15 paid. j £30 paid.

Work starts on new cocoa pact

The executive committee of the International Cocoa Organization met this week amid rumours of impending negotiations to secure a new world cocoa pact.

The second International Cocoa Agreement, under whose rules the organization is operating, expires in 18 months. This three-year pact, like its 1973 predecessor, has been of little help to cocoa importing countries. This was because its economic clauses were unable to restrain the recent high price levels after an acute, four-year world shortage.

Cocoa agreements were set up at a time of glut and were aimed at sharing out world markets between producers and stabilizing prices by means of a buffer stock. This stock was devised to buy cocoa from markets when prices fell and resell it when they rose. In theory, this would have been fair to both exporters and importers.

But as the shortage set in, prices sky-rocketed out of reach of the pact's agreed control ranges, so that both pacts were operating without being able to control markets.

While most members of the cocoa organization agree that this cannot go on, many still are divided on how to go about making the pact an effective instrument to protect both growers and users. — AP-Dow Jones.

India to buy more aluminium

India plans to import 10,000 tonnes of aluminium in addition to the 20,000 tonnes already contracted according to a government announcement.

It said that the Government will soon buy 4,000 tonnes of electrical grade aluminium rods and 6,000 tonnes of commercial grade ingots for delivery between May and August.

Reviewing the import orders already contracted, the announcement said 10,000 tonnes of aluminium are expected to arrive in April and May.

This shipment will consist of 3,500 tonnes of electrical conductor grade ingots, 1,500 tonnes of electrical grade rods and 5,000 tonnes of commercial grade ingots.

Eurosyndicat

Eurosyndicat Index on share prices was put ...ly at 119.43 on March ... 118.38 a week earlier.

Bank Base Rates

...nk	6½%
...s Bank	6½%
...	6½%
...dated Crdts	6½%
...ondon Secs	6½%
...e & Co	*6½%
...Bank	6½%
... Mercantile	6½%
...l Bank	6½%
...stminster	6½%
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35.4	17.3	Do Smaller	30.7	32.8	5.35
123.1	80.7	Do Accum	109.2	116.6	4.57
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FINANCIAL NEWS

Barratt Dev margins brighter and trend likely to continue

By Ray Maughan

Margins have started to recover at Barratt Developments and the housebuilding group expects the trend to continue in the second half of the year to end-June next. At 7.5 per cent, the return on sales is nearly back to the level achieved in the July-December period of 1976.

Strong demand has enabled Barratt to push prices up by around 10 per cent since September and it is now trying to introduce a rise of about 2 per cent each month. Unless Government action drains the supply of mortgages, the group can thus expect further significant growth.

In the first half pre-tax profits climbed by a tenth to £4.00m excluding £49,000 against £208,000 from land sales. The shares put on 6p to 108p.

The land bank, taking in the plots acquired in the £3.1m James Harrison deal, will support just over 2½ years work at current development levels of 10,000 plots each year. Barratt is not entirely convinced that the larger quoted housebuilders must acquire their smaller brethren for land bank purposes but intends to buy selected, probably unquoted, companies in the areas where it is not well represented—West Midlands, South Wales and, most important, South East.

The balance sheet position is still healthy with overdrafts of £19.2m absorbing less than half the available bank facility. It now seems that, in addition to land bank expansion, Barratt will make further forays into the commercial and industrial property investment field.

Harrison bought in a central Edinburgh office site where reversions this year will more than double the rent roll. A pre-let commercial development in the centre of Newcastle is in the final stages of negotiation.

Strong final let puts Rentokil over £8m

By Our Financial Staff

Although the reinforced pound blunted the overseas results of the Rentokil Group, it still turned in record profits for 1977—as it has done every year since going public in 1969.

Topping the £8m mark for the first time, pre-tax profits rose by 19.3 per cent to £8.54m on sales 8.6 per cent up at £50.83m. Reporting profits 13.3 per cent ahead at £4m in the first half, the board said it expected the second half's figures to be at least as good as the first's.

In fact, the second half was 25 per cent better than 1976's last six months.

A breakdown of the latest figures shows that, over the year, United Kingdom profits rose by 38.5 per cent to £5.58m, while those from overseas fell by 5.5 per cent to £2.95m. The rise in the exchange rate of sterling accounted for the overseas reduction. Profits for 1976 wolud have been £253,000 lower at £2.87m, the board explains, had they been translated into sterling at the same rates as applied to 1977 profits.

Overseas sales showed little improvement, being up from £23.18m to £23.65m. The United Kingdom sales expanded from £23.64m to £27.17m, including exports up from £699,000 to £916,000.

Net profits, after tax, rose from £3.52m to £4.17m. But this year there are extraordinary tems of £778,000 to be deducted, against credits of £1.12m in 1976.

Earnings a share improved from 3.73p to 4.41p before extraordinary items. Rentokil, which is a "close" company, is lifting its total gross payment from 2.18p (adjusted for scrip issue) to 2.44p. The board said yesterday that a good start had been made to the current year.

So, in spite of the strong pound, the group looks likely to have another record-breaking year in 1978. A pre-tax profit of £10m seems probable. Rentokil, which is 55 per cent owned by Sophus Berendsen of Denmark, is a specialist in pest control, hygiene services, timber preservation, damp proofing and thermal insulation.

Simon Eng to take in poultry processer

By Michael Clark

The boards of Simon Engineering, Gordon Johnson-Stephens Holdings and its chief shareholder, the West of England Trust, have now reached agreement for Simon to buy the whole of GJ-S. The terms arrived at are 24p cash for each ordinary 25p share in GJ-S. This gives GJ-S a total value of about £1.58m.

The boards of GJ-S West of England and certain other major shareholders in GJ-S have already undertaken to accept the offer for 4.2m ordinary shares, about 64.2 per cent of the issued capital.

Added to this the West of England has conditionally agreed to buy three of GJ-S's subsidiaries. These are Matthias Spencer, Woodberry Chillcott and John Vessey.

Proposals will be put to the holders of the £150,000 15 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock, 1980-84, and the $700,000 10½ per cent convertible unsecured loan stock, 1979, of GJ-S for their repayment at par in the event of the offer becoming unconditional.

The directors of GJ-S, who have been advised by Charterhouse Japhet, consider the offer to be fair and reasonable and intend to recommend shareholders to accept the offer, as they have agreed to do for their own holdings.

Gordon Johnson-Stephens is mainly engaged in the making of poultry and poultry by-product processing equipment. Simon's objective will be to stabilize and later to expand its operations so as to establish a significant British-based poultry and meat processing equipment operation capable of holding its own against international competition.

Shipstone move to repel N Foods

Nottingham-based brewery James Shipstone has stepped up its effort to repel the bid from Northern Foods.

In a document sent to Shipstone shareholders Mr Robert Combe, chairman, strongly urges them to reject the offer. He goes on to add that his board is confident that the group will shortly be able to report record profits for 1977.

In the context of the bid situation, which values Shipstone at 300p a share, the Treasury has indicated consent to a dividend increase. The board has decided to recommend a more-than-doubled final dividend of 11.335p, making a total of 14p.

A revaluation of properties has been commissioned, and preliminary information makes clear that this will reveal a vast increase in value.

York Waterworks' £500,000 issue

York Waterworks Company has arranged an issue of £500,000 11 per cent redeemable debenture stock, 1986, at a price of £98. The placing price is payable as to £25 on March 13, with the balance on May 11. Interest on the stock is payable every six months on January 2 and July 1 with the first payment of £1.95 due next July.

The stock is redeemable at par on June 30, 1986. Proceeds of the issue will be used to redeem £150,000 of 3.15 per cent redeemable preference stock and to provide funds towards financing capital expenditure.

Another peak likely for Saatchi & Saatchi

"At this stage, it would be reasonable to expect 1978 to be another record year for the company". This is the cheerful comment from Mr Kenneth Gill, chairman of Saatchi and Saatchi Co, which is the holding company of Saatchi and Saatchi Compton, Britain's largest quoted advertising agency. The board looks forward with enthusiasm to a year of continued expansion in the main agency business, "as well as to the pursuit of the many good prospects for growth in and around our industry".

International

Reed doing well in Australia

Sydney.—Reed Consolidated Industries, a subsidiary of Reed International, had a 28.5 per cent increase in profits after tax to a record $A7.4m in the year to December 31 last.

Although the British Parent has experienced severe problems in Canada, the Australian operations saw sales rise by 6.7 per cent to $A224m during the year. This compared with $A210m in 1976.

Pre-tax profits rose by 9.2 per cent to $A11m from $A10m. The final dividend goes up from six to eight cents per stock unit.

Reed Consolidated holds interests in a wide range of paper-related industries in Australia, including a book division, a mail order business and building materials. The parent owns 81 per cent of the group, which is quoted in Sydney and Melbourne.

Pakhoed retreats

Rotterdam.—The Dutch international oil handling, transport and property group Pakhoed Holding announced that 1977 profits after tax amounted to F13.9m (about £933,000) compared with F143,092,000 (about £10.3m) for 1976.

The downturn reflected a big setback in the Paktank tank storage division. Moreover taxes and extraordinary charges were higher than in 1976. The net profit will be added to the reserve. The supervisory board has approved this decision. This means that there are no profits available for the declaration of a cividend.—UNS.

La Rinascente loss

Milan.—La Rinascente, one of the largest Italian chain store groups, reported a loss of Lire 4.9 billion for 1977, up from 2.7 billion. The board attributed the loss to slackened demand and rising costs.

The group said that total sales amounted to Lire 663.5 billion, an increase of 17.5 per cent. La Rinascente is controlled by Istituto Finanziario Industriale (IFI), the holding company of Fiat. Last year it took over Italian-based chain stores of the United States Pennes group.—AP-Dow Jones.

Banco di Roma decides on capital increase

The Italian state-owned Banco di Roma has decided to raise its registered capital to 70,000m lire from 40,000m lire.

The board of the bank has ruled that a share of the capital increase, roughly equal to 20,000m lire will be free, and that the remaining 10,000m lire will be made on payment. For the operation on payment Banco di Roma is to issue two million shares of 5,000 par value, which will be offered as an option to shareholders in the ratio of one new share for every four now held. The operation on a free basis will be achieved through the issue of four million shares which are to be distributed to shareholders in the ration of one new share for every two now held.

Also, the three other major state banks—the Banca Commerciale, the Credito Italiano and the Banco di Santo Spirito—were also expected to decide on capital increases along the lines decided upon by Banco di Roma—that is two thirds free, and one third on payment.

Credito Italiano is known to be planning an increase of its registered capital to 80,000m lire from 45,000m lire, while Banca Commerciale would raise its capital to 100,000m lire from 60,000m lire.

The expectation of free capital operations have taken prices of bank issues sharply higher on the Milan stock market in the past few days.—AP-Dow Jones.

Business appointments

New chairman for Clerical, Medical Assurance

Mr Douglas Morpeth will succeed Sir Robert Black as chairman of Clerical, Medical and General Life Assurance Society after the Society's annual general meeting on May 10. Sir Robert is retiring.

Sir Richard Young will become deputy chairman of Boosey & Hawkes on May 1. Mr Alan Clapham, group chief executive, is retiring next year and is to be succeeded by Mr Anthony Kilby. Mr Clapham remains an executive director. Mr Dennis Gillard becomes director of market development. Mr Geoffrey Cox becomes managing director of Boosey & Hawkes (Musical Instruments) Ltd, while Mr Gillard remains chairman. Mr Robert Grant is to be managing director of Boosey & Hawkes (Electronics).

As a result of the recent agreement to set up a Lynx helicopter production line in Egypt, Westland Helicopters has made appointments to the board of the newly-formed Arab British Helicopter Co. Mr A. V. N. Reed becomes non-executive vice-chairman and remains commercial director of Westland Helicopters. Mr B. Baxter, formerly works director at Westland Helicopters, becomes managing director of Arab British Helicopter.

Mr Bernard Coulby becomes a director of Barclays Merchant Bank from April 1.

Mr N. F. Oppenheimer has been appointed a director of De Beers Consolidated Mines.

Mr M. C. Swift, deputy secretary of the British Bankers' Association, will be secretary-general from June 1. He will succeed Mr R. K. C. Giddings, who is retiring.

Mr R. G. C. Pummell and Mr A. W. Frost become additional directors of C. E. Heath (Latin America) from April 1.

Mr R. W. McNealy Junior has jointed the board of AMF Inc.

Mr C. A. Keeley and Mr A. P. Simonian have been appointed directors of City and International Trust.

Mr Bill Slinger has joined the board of Carrenus of Northern Ireland.

Mr Henry Kroch, deputy chairman and chief executive of AB Electronic Products Group, has been elected president of the European Electronic Components Manufacturers Association.

Mr Dsmond Flynn has been appointed a director of Rowbotham (Reinsurance).

Mr J. S. F. Pode has been elected to the board of Wilson, Smithett and Cope.

Mr R. E. Bridges joins the board of Lewis and Peat (Metals).

Dr Derek Bilby has joined the main board of Geest Computer Services and becomes managing director of Cambridge Computer Services.

Mr Laurence Don, managing director of Bejam, has been made deputy chairman and joint managing director. Mr A. William Perry becomes joint managing director and Mr John Edwards joins the board as finance director.

Mr L. Berry and Dr H. Watson have joined the board of Hawker Siddeley Diesels.

Mr Dennis Freema has gone on to the main board of P. Leiner & Sons.

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Further information may be obtained from the Registrar (Room 214, Whiteknights House), The University, Whiteknights, Reading RG6 2AH, by whom applications should be received not later than April 7, 1978.

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Prior to application for these posts, further information (including details of application procedure) should be obtained from Mr. J. P. MacHale, Secretary, University College, Belfield, Dublin 4. Tel.: 693244, Ext. 451.

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Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary of the Appointments Committee of the Faculty of Architecture and History of Art, 1 Scroope Terrace, Cambridge CB2 1PX. Applications should be submitted to him by 28 April, 1978.

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Dated this 3rd day of March 1978.

By Order of the Board.
P. M. S. COX, Director.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976 and In the Matter of GILMARTIN ENGINEERING CO. Ltd. (In Liquidation)

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Dated this 28th day of February, 1978.

R. W. CORK, Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of CHARNHALL CONTRACTS Limited. Nature of Business: Building contractors.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th February, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 22nd March, 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81, High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP, at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of MICHAEL ROUSE Limited. Nature of Business: Concert Promoters and Managers.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 16th January, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 23rd March, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 12.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 12.30 o'clock.
H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of MANSELL STREET INVESTMENTS Limited. Nature of Business: to acquire lands and premises.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 23rd January, 1978.
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CREDITORS 23rd March, 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP, at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of BIAVALE BUILDERS Limited. Nature of Business: Builders.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 16th January, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 22nd March, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
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Dated this 3rd day of March, 1978.

P. FORREST, A.C.A., Director.

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P. FORREST, A.C.A., Director.

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Dated this 3rd day of March, 1978.

P. FORREST, A.C.A., Director.

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P. FORREST, A.C.A., Director

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of ROY BIANCO ASSOCIATES Limited Nature of Business: Interior Decorators & Designers
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 23rd January 1978
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 22nd March 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP at 2.00 o'clock
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of STANHOPE OWEN HOLDINGS Limited Nature of Business: Property Investment
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 23rd January 1978
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 23rd March 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of BEAVERDALE INVESTMENT CO Limited Nature of Business: Ice cream retailers
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 16th January 1978
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 22nd March 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 12.00 o'clock
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 12.30 o'clock
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of CLASSIC MOTORCRAFTS Limited Nature of Business: Sheet metal workers
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 23rd January 1978
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 23rd March 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock
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WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 16th January 1978
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of CHARLBURY GROVE INVESTMENTS Limited. Nature of Business: Proprietors of clubs.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 16th January, 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of G.S. PROPERTY CO. Limited, Nature of Business: Property dealers.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 21st November, 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 23rd March, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock.
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of OSBALDESTON TAXICABS (LONDON) Limited. Nature of Business: Operators of Taxicabs.
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of P.T. CARTWRIGHT (BUILDING INVESTMENTS) Limited. Nature of Business: Building Contractors.
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The Companies Act, 1948 In the Matter of NORDEC HEATING CO. Limited. Nature of Business: Heating contractors.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 23rd January 1978.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
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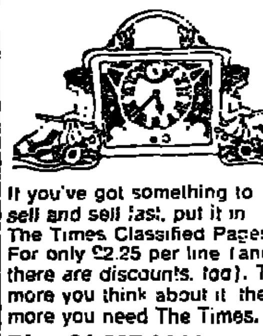
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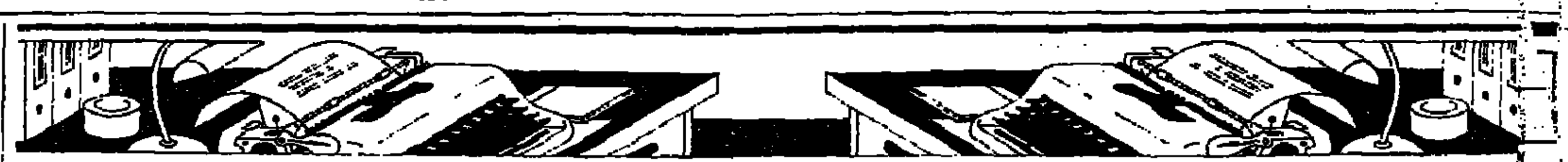
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From April 1 the figures will have to be displayed on new cars in showrooms and on forecourts. They must also be included in car handbooks and, if reference is made to fuel consumption, in promotional material such as advertisements, technical specifications and sales brochures.

The full list, covering some 650 models, must be carried by every dealer and made available on request. It is an interesting and instructive document which repays careful study. I propose to deal with some of its main points.

Three miles per gallon figures are given for each model, each derived from a set test procedure. One is the result of an urban driving cycle, in which town driving is simulated by placing the car on rollers and taking it through a series of braking, acceleration and gear-changing manoeuvres. The others involve constant speed tests at 56 mph (90 kph), and 75 mph (120 kph).

The motorist might question the value of the 75 mph test since it is carried out above the legal British speed limit. The official justification is that the figures derived from it will draw attention to the fact that high speeds tend to mean high consumption. Also, there are countries, not many, where 75 mph is still allowed.

But it is the first two figures that really count, giving the motorist a yardstick by which to compare the consumption of one model with another. If, for instance, he is looking for the most economical car for town driving the answer is the Citroen 2CV at 40.9 mpg.

If he wants the most economical touring car, the list tells him that it is another French model, the Renault 5GTL, which at 56 mph gives 57.7 mpg. If he is patriotic, he will notice that on an average of the two figures British cars like the Mini 850 and 1,000, Ford Fiesta 957 (low-compression version), and Reliant Kitten are well up with the best.

A word on the 2CV and the Renault. What makes the Citroen so economical is an unusually small, light engine: 602 cc and only two cylinders. The catch is that it is also pretty gutless, indeed a steady 75 mph figure could not be obtained because the vehicle does not go that fast.

The Renault GTL gets its impressive economy in a different way. The 5 model started with a choice of 845 cc and 956 cc engines. The GTL uses a much bigger unit—1289 cc—but in a detuned version with a high final-drive ratio which reduces engine revolutions. The result is performance similar to that of the 956 but better consumption; 32.5 against 31.4 in town and 57.7 to 46.3 at the steady 56 mph.

Smaller engines generally mean better consumption but not always. It depends on the balance of power to weight in the car. A good example is the new Peugeot 305, whose 1500 cc engine is two miles to the gallon more economical than the 1300 because it is working less hard to move the same weight. On the Rover, the 2600 model gives more miles to the gallon than the 2300.

The figures support the contention that on the whole cars with manual gearboxes are more economical than those with automatic transmission. The difference is much greater on the open road than in town and on some cars, such as the Mini, Rover and Jaguar, the urban figure is slightly better with automatic.

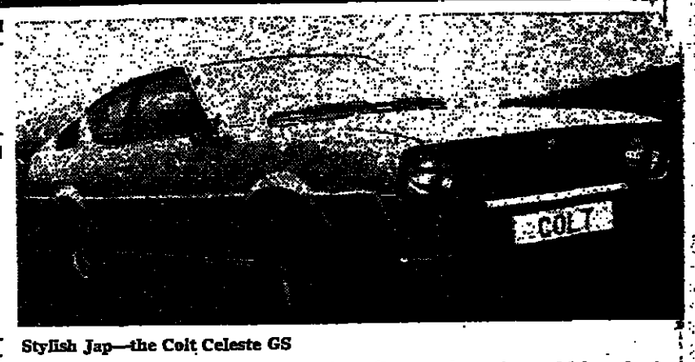
The most economical cars at 75 mph both have overdrive, the Triumph Spitfire, which gives 36.3 mpg, and the MGB GT with 34.4. The Spitfire without overdrive does 32.7 at this speed. The principle is that engine revolutions are reduced, the engine is more relaxed and it therefore needs less fuel.

A point to be emphasized about all these official figures is that they do not necessarily reflect everyday driving experience. The town cycle test is a fairly good approximation, but since the car never gets into top gear and spends a good part of the time idling, the result is on the low side. The steady 56 mph figure, on the other hand, is artificially high for, unless he finds a flat and deserted motorway, the motorist is unlikely to achieve it.

The other thing to emphasize is that actual mpg figures will be influenced by the loading of the car, road, weather and traffic conditions, the way the vehicle is driven and its standard of maintenance. An article in the Automobile Association magazine, *Drive*, suggests that gentle driving and regular servicing can improve consumption by nearly nine per cent. That would mean a saving, nationally, of 210 million gallons of petrol a year, worth £160m at pump prices.

The article has been reprinted and the Department of Energy will be distributing some 350,000 copies to motorway service areas, garages, motels and main road cafes and restaurants. Briefly, it recommends regular checks on items like the sparking plugs and contact breakers, the carburettor, the tyres and brakes, all of which can affect fuel consumption.

The advice on driving technique is to push the choke in as soon as possible, get into top gear quickly and smoothly and accelerate and brake gently. Economical driving, it will be noticed, is also good driving.



Stylish Jap—the Colt Celeste GS

Road Test: Colt Celeste GS

The Celeste is a Japanese equivalent of the Ford Capri. Like the Ford it is an attractively styled and mechanically conventional three-door coupé which appeals more on looks, simple engineering and value for money than exceptional handling or performance. In a word, it is less exciting to drive than its appearance might suggest. My previous road test of the Celeste was the standard 1600 version. The GS differs in having twin carburettors and a five-speed gearbox, which make it a little quicker and a little more economical. Output of the 1597 cc overhead camshaft engine is 82 bhp against 73 bhp, giving 0 to 60 mph acceleration in around 12 seconds and a top speed of 102 mph. The car feels lively enough for most conditions and has good pulling power in the higher gears.

As for fuel economy, my figures went all the way from 23mpg to well over 50, a divergence I cannot explain. The Government tests give 27.2 mpg in town and 36.2 at 56 mph, which seems more representative. Extensive use of the fifth gear should mean good returns in open road cruising.

The car is noisy when driven hard through the gears and my particular model suffered from wind whistle around the window seals. Worse than this was general vibration which, coupled with a typically indifferent Japanese ride, gave more than one passenger a queasy stomach. The old fashioned leaf spring rear suspension produces the worst of all worlds: choppiness on rough surfaces, wallow on undulating ones.

Steering, too, is typically Japanese, employing the recirculating ball system which has largely disappeared from European cars. The vagueness in the straight ahead position is particularly disconcerting when the car is being buffeted by strong cross winds as happened to me on the motorway last week. There is also some heaviness when parking.

But if the Japanese fall short on ride and steering, they do manage to turn out excellent gearboxes. The Colt five-speed box is one of them, giving smooth changes at the flick of a fingertip. The only grumble is that moving quickly through the gears it is possible to go straight from second to fifth. The car holds the road well in normal conditions, though it is less sure in the wet, and corners crisply with little bodyroll.

Like many of its sort, including the Capri, the Celese is more of a two-plus-two than a full four-seater. The sloping tail severely restricts headroom in the back and legroom for the average adult is only acceptable if the front seats are pushed well forward. The tailgate opens onto a useful boot and the rear seat can be folded forward to create a long and flat, but shallow, load area.

The seats are firm, giving almost too much support to the small of the back. A tall driver will need to recline the seat sharply to keep his head clear of the roof. The steering column has a useful tilt adjustment, there are good, clear instruments and the minor controls are easily reached on steering column stalks.

Among the Celeste's impressive list of standard items are a laminated windscreen, tinted glass, push-button radio, clock and lockable fuel filler cap. It is a sturdily built car and at £3,590 competitively priced. As on all Colts, the price includes number plates and delivery charges.

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7.00 News Headlines.
7.05 Your Move.
7.30 Newsday.
8.05 Gardeners' World.
8.30 Living in the Past.
9.00 Table Tennis: Orlowski v Kosanovic, and Kosanovic v Leiss.
9.30 The Question of Immigration: Debate.
11.00 News.
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11.55-12.00, Stephen Thorne reads The Great-grandmother, by Robert Graves.

Thames

10.48-11.00 am, Help ! (r). 12.00, Charlie's Climbing Tree. 12.10 pm, Rainbow. 12.30, Make it Count (r). 1.00, News. 1.20, Help ! 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, After Noon. 2.25, Shades of Greene. 3.20, Quick on the Draw. 3.50, The Sullivans. 4.20, Little House on the Prairie. 5.15, Mr and Mrs.
5.45 News. 6.00, Thames at 6.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 The Bionic Woman.
8.00 Robin's Nest.
8.30 Armchair Thriller: A Dog's Ransom.
9.00 George and Mildred (r).
9.30 This Week.
10.00 News.
10.30 Time for Business.
11.15 Drive-in.
11.45 What the Papers Say.
12.00 Epilogue.
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ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Beryl's Lot. 3.50, Houseparty. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm 7.30, Bionic Woman. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Police Woman. 11.30-12.00, Master Golf.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 5.20, Southern. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Garnock Way. 7.00, ATV. 7.30, Charlie's Angels. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Birthday Honours. 11.00, Late Call. 11.05-12.35 am, Film: Mongolith Monsters, with Grant Williams, Lola Albright, Les Tremayne.*

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1.18 pm, Channel News. 1.30, Thames. 6.10, Elephant Boy. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Granada. 8.30, Thames. 10.32, The Story of Wine. 11.00, McCloud. 12.40 am, News.

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12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, Manfred. 4.25, The Arrows. 4.50, Clapperboard. 5.10, This is Your Right. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00, The Protectors. 7.30, Cuckoo Waltz. 8.00, Robin's Nest. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, What's On. 11.00, What the Papers Say. 11.15, Survival.

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6.00 am, News. Ray Moore.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm, Tony Blackburn. 4.31, Dave Lee Travis. 7.02, Country Club.† 9.02, Folkweave.† 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am,* News.
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6.00 am, News. 6.03, Ray Moore.† 7.33, Terry Wogan† (8.27, Racing bulletin). 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 2.30, David Hamilton.† 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, Nick Page.† 6.45, Sport. 7.02, Radio 1. 10.02, Two by Two. 10.30, Star Sound. 11.02, Brian Matthew. 12.00, News.

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6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Stravinsky, Glière, Rachmaninov.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Manfredini, Verdi, Respighi.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Szymanowski and Lutoslawski.† 10.05, Chamber Music, part 1: Mendelssohn, Mathias.† 10.50, In short. 10.55,† Concert, part 2: Brahms. 11.35, BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra: Mendelssohn, Cowie, Beethoven.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, Bradford Midday Concert: Albeniz, Liszt. 2.00, Cyrano de Bergerac, opera by Franco Alfano: Acts 1 and 2.† 3.15, Words. 3.20, Cyrano de Bergerac: Acts 3 and 4.† 4.20, The Paul Sacher Commissions: Martin, Honegger.† 5.05, Parisian Church Music before 1300.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, What Right Have You Got ? 7.00, Who Cares about the Commonwealth ? 7.30, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, part 1: Kodaly, Greig.† 8.15,* Battle for the Slums, part 2. 8.35,* Concert, part 2: Tchaikovsky.† 9.25, Poetry Now. 9.50, BBC Symphony Orchestra: Maw, Durkó, Messiaen.† 11.25, News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.†

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6.15 am, News. 6.17, Farming. 6.35, Up to the Hour. 7.00, News. 7.10, Today. 7.35, Up to the Hour. 8.00, News. 8.10, Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Records. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Down Your Way. 11.45, Figures in an Autumn Field. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Just a Minute. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Dormer and Granddaughter. 3.50, Jack De Manio. 4.35, Story: The Flame Trees of Thika. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.30, Brain of Britain. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, Checkpoint. 7.45, Shipwreck. 8.30, All in the Waiting. 8.45, Analysis: Powwow or Powerhouse ? 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, Any Answers ? 11.00, A Book at Bedtime: The Slave. 11.15, The Financial World Tonight. 11.30, Today in Parliament. 11.45, News. 12.03-12.06 am,* Inshore forecast.

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BIRTHS

BENNETT.—On Tuesday, 7th March, at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Lucinda (nee Order) and David, a daughter—Nicola Lucy.

BRADNOCK.—On March 7th, to Tessa (nee Hawkins) and James, a son, Edward James Peter, brother for Thomas.

CARDIFF.—On March 5th, to Lynn and David—a daughter.

CRESWELL.—On February 25th, in Bulawayo, Rhodesia, to Heather (nee Downing) and Peter Creswell—a son (Giles), brother for Victoria and Alexander.

FOSTER.—On 7th March, at the Westminster Hospital, to Sally and Richard—a son.

FRENCH.—On March 5th, to Lena and John—a son (Christopher Read Russell).

GOW.—On March 8th, at the Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, to Anne and Roddy—a son, Andrew Jonathan.

HAYTER.—March 6th, 1978, to *Jacqueline and James*—a daughter, Joanna.

PRINGLE.—On March 3rd, at Canterbury Hospital, to Jane (nee Mitchison) and Andrew—a son.

ROSHIER.—On March 3rd, at Queen Marys Hospital, Roehampton, to Adrienne (nee Langdon) and Christopher—a daughter (Holly), a sister for Annabel and Giles.

SHIDDELL.—On Feb 28th, to Charles and Dorothy (nee Garton)—a son—James Alexander.

SMITH.—On 7th March, in Hong Kong, to Karin (nee Allung) and Nicholas—a daughter, Clare Susannah.

VINCENT.—On March 6th, to Christine (nee Walton) and William—a son.

WHITELOCKE.—On March 4th, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, to Eleonora (nee Maunder) and Roger—a daughter.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

DINGLEY : WHEELER.—On 9th March, 1918, at St. Martin's Church, Acton, W., Captain Walter L. Dingley to Norah Catherine Brash Wheeler.

DEATHS

BANBURY, JOHN EDMUND, of Warren Farm, Stanton, only son of Edmund and the Lady Beatrice, suddenly on the 7th March. Cremation private.

BASSETT.—On 6th March, Walter Eric, K.B.E., M.C., of Melbourne, Australia, husband of Marnie, much loved father and grandfather.

BOGIE.—On 7th March, 1978, at Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, suddenly, Robert Turple Bogie (late of Thomas Bogie & Son Ltd.), beloved husband of Isobel Wilson Bogie, of Mortonhall Rd., Edinburgh. Funeral service in the parish church of St. Andrew and St. George, George St., Edinburgh, on Monday, 13th March, at 2.30 p.m., to which all friends are invited. Cremation thereafter private. Family flowers only.

CAMPBELL.—On February 19th, 1978, Sally (Rosemary Colin), dear wife of Robin Campbell, 15th Baronet of Auchinbreck, Glen Dhu, Motunau, North Canterbury, New Zealand.

CROOKLIDEN.—On 7th March, 1978, Father Humphrey Pelham Lafone. Requiem Mass Birmingham Oratory, Wednesday, 15th March, 11.30 a.m.

CROSLEY, ROSA LUCY, of the White House, Finchmead Lane, Stroud, Petersfield, aged 79 years, peacefully on 7 March, 1978. Only daughter of Henry Gale Gotch and of Mary (nee Hepburn), widow of Edwin T. H. (Tip) Crosley and mother of Jean T. Crosley and of the late Mervyn Alan. Funeral service 2 p.m., Woking Crematorium, Tuesday, 14th March. Flowers if wished to Funeral Services, Petersfield.

DERRY, PATRICIA ANNE.—On March 8th, 1978, at Beckenham Hospital, dearly loved by all the family and her many friends. Service 3.40 p.m., Tuesday, March 14th, at Beckenham Crematorium. Flowers to Francis Chappell, Beckenham, or donations to Cancer Research Campaign.

ELLISON.—On March 8th, 1978, after a brief illness at Dancer's Cottage, Withington, Gloucestershire, Geoffrey Walker, aged 79, much loved husband of Helen and father of Hugh, Robin and Angela. Funeral service 11.30 a.m. on March 11th at Withington Church. Family flowers only. Donations to Withington Church.

FURTH, STEFAN.—On Sunday, 5th March, 1978, beloved husband of Gertie and uncle of Suzanne. Private service today, 9th March.

HAYNES.—On 7th March, William Feildon, peacefully at his home, The Forge, Little Baddow, in his 94th year. Formerly Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fourteenth Punjab Regiment. Beloved father of Wynyard and Shirley. Arrangements by Bakers of Danbury, Danbury 2772.

HILLIER.—On March 5, 1978, at the Old Vicarage, Moulsford, Oxon., the Rev. Frank Lacy Hillier, aged 85 years, formerly of St. Silas Church, Kentish Town. Funeral on Monday, March 13th. Requiem at John the Baptist Church, Moulsford, 11 a.m., followed by burial. No flowers by his request.

HOLLAND.—On 28th February, suddenly at her home in Melbourne, Australia, following a heart attack, Margaret Anne, aged 45, dearly loved wife of Neville and mother of Angela and Stephen. Only daughter of George F. R. Patterson and the late Bertha Patterson of "Ruth", Mount Macedon, Victoria, and dearest cousin of Sandy Young-Patterson. Funeral took place Thursday, 2nd March. R.I.P.

LONG.—On March 7th in Purley, Surrey, Ivy Long, aged 84 years. Funeral service at Purley United Reformed Church on Friday, March 10th, at 12 noon. Flowers and enquiries to Ebbutt Funeral Service, Croydon, tel. 01-688 5535.

MACONOCHIE WELWOOD, LAURENCE ROBERT, of Kirknewton House, Midlothian, husband of the late Lady Elizabeth Maconochie Welwood, peacefully at home on March 8th. Funeral at St. Mary's, Dalmahoy, on Friday, March 10th, at 2.30 p.m.

MARR. — On March 8th, 1978, peacefully in London after a long illness, Alexander Andrew (Sandy), aged 75, of Duncan House, Park Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk. Dearly loved husband of Hilda, father of Donald, Neil and Brian, and grandfather. Cremation private, to be followed later by a Service of Thanksgiving in Suffolk. No letters please.

PHILLIPS.—On March 7th suddenly and peacefully at home, Dorothy Frances, aged 97, widow of Lt.-Colonel Frank Roff Phillips D.S.O., R.A. (Retd.), dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at Stoke St. Gregory 12 noon on Friday, March 10th, followed by cremation at Taunton Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association, 6 Avonmore Road, London, W.14.

PRICE WHITE.—On March 6th, 1978, peacefully at his home "Dolanog", 18 Pwllycrochan Avenue, Colwyn Bay, David Archibald Price White, the dearly loved husband of Marie and the beloved father of Christopher. Funeral service will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Colwyn Bay, today Thursday, March 9th, at 2 p.m. and will be followed by interment in the City of Bangor Cemetery at 3.30 p.m. Donations in lieu of flowers if desired may be sent to North West Cancer Research Fund, 40 Rodney Street, Liverpool 1. Enquiries to T. Conchar & Sons, tel. Colwyn Bay 2206.

REITLINGER. — On March 8th, 1978, *peacefully, Gerald Roberts*, of Woodgate House, Beckley, father of Venetia. Funeral private.

SCOTT.—On 7th March, 1978, at Edinburgh, in her 93rd year, Alice Nicholson Scott, recently of "Radcot", Colinton, oldest daughter of the late W. N. Turner of Liverpool, and wife of the late Col. J. M. B. Scott. Funeral private.

TAYLOR.—On March 6th, 1978, in a nursing home, aged 88 yrs., Eleanor, dearly beloved wife of the late Albert Edward Taylor, loving mother of Albert and Ian (deceased) and daughter-in-law Isabel and Olive. Service and interment at St. Helen's Church Tarporley, Cheshire, on Monday, March 13th, at 3 p.m. All enquiries and flowers to A. & M. Marchbanks, Funeral Directors, Hoylake. Tel. 051 632 4777.

VERGIN.—On March 8th peacefully in a London nursing home in his 86th year, Lt.-Colonel Arthur Herbert Vergin, O.B.E., of Geneva, formerly of the Indian Army and the Foreign Office. Dearest husband of Kathleen Margaret. Funeral service at Breakspear Crematorium on Friday March 10th, 9.40 a.m.

WARR.—On 6th March, 1978, peacefully, Edith Beatrice Warr, of Caledon Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks. Founder with Miss Florence E. Perkins of High March School, Beaconsfield. Dearly loved by family, friends and former pupils. Cremation private. A memorial service will be held in St. Mary's Parish Church, Beaconsfield, on Monday, 13th March, at 2 p.m. Flowers may be sent to the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, by 11 a.m., or donations to a children's charity.

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ABEL, ARTHUR LAWRENCE.—A memorial service will be held at All Souls, Langham Place, W.1, at 12 noon, Wednesday, March 15th.

CARGILL THOMPSON.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Professor W. D. J. Cargill Thompson will be held in the Chapel of King's College London at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st March.

NORTHAMPTON, WILLIAM BINGHAM.—Memorial services will be held for the late William Bingham, 6th Marquess of Northampton on March 29th at Chelsea Old Church at 12 noon and on March 30th at All Saints' Church, Northampton, at 12 noon.

WEBB.—A service of remembrance for Brenda Mary Webb, wife of Lt.-Commander W. F. B. Webb, D.S.C., R.N. (Retd.), will be held at St. Michael's Church, Salwarpe, near Droitwich, on Friday, March 17, at 2.30 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

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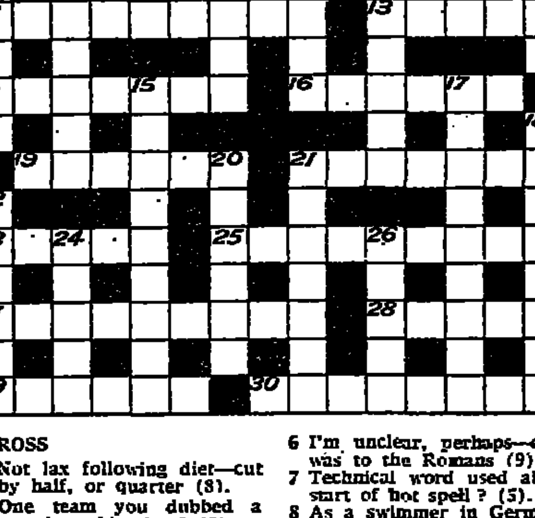
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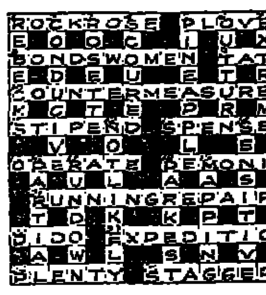
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19 That honour covers the crown (6).
21 Friend confuses Rome with another Italian city (7).
23 Female relative hasn't got a divorce? (5).
25 Special exhibit—cow I crossed with sheep (4-5).
27 Fail to turn out as expected (9).
28 Successful venture in casting tin, perhaps (5).
29 Note some business change hands (6).
30 Burst tyre holding one behind? Rubbish! (8).

DOWN

1 Trace of French writer (8).
2 Used to make measurements from time to time (4-5).
3 They all travel the same distance to meet (5).
4 Business worry (7).
6 I'm unclear, perhaps—as I was to the Romans (9).
7 Technical word used about start of hot spell? (5).
8 As a swimmer in Germany you get a medal (6).
9 Could be used when editing Times, with hesitation (6).
15 Hit the drink here in London (9).
17 Fish smashed barge-pole (9).
18 Where workers suffer unspeakably? (8).
20 Maintains a number in fleet (6).
21 " Farewell " would be fitting when old Bob departs (7).
22 Philosopher hasn't finished with our mental state (6).
24 Common beginning for battling brothers? Stuff! (5).
26 Formal setting for a Trojan (5).

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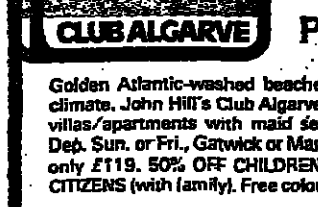
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